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Nationwide remains mutual society

Savers reject windfall of £2,000 each

Britain's biggest building society. yesterday voted by a margin of nearly three to one to forgo a £2,000 windfall in order to retain the society's mutual status.

They rejected, by one mil-lion votes to 350,000, moves by five rebel candidates, led by the eccentric former royal butler Michael Hardern, to convert the society into a bank. The outcome means that the

Nationwide will not follow the Halifax, Alliance & Leicester and Woolwich on to the stockmarket, and will not bestow windfalls on its savers in the form of shares or cash. Instead the society claims it will underline the ments of renaming a mumal building society by offering cheaper loans and higher savers' rates than other banks and former building societies. Last year, the Nationwide handed back E200 million to savers in this

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Nationwide directors exwhelming size of the vote against Mr Hardern and his fellow pro-conversion candidates. Charles Nunneley, Na-tionwide chairman, said: The result is a very strong endorsement of strategy."

The high turnout of voters underlined the strength of feeling about the issue. Normally only 300,000 vote on the election of board members.



to keep mutual status

by other building societies and by the Government. The Prime Minister, speaking at Question Time, said: "I was delighted to see the result and I think the right decision was

that he was considering mounting a legal challenge to set up another ballot. He is to consult fellow campaigners in his group. Members For Conversion, over whether to continue their fight.

On the roof terrace of his Soho flat in central London yesterday Mr Hardern, 40, accused the Nationwide of misrepresenting his views in a

deliberate attempt to persuade. savers to vote

The Nationwide black arts department spent £1 million of customers' money making sure they won," he said. "They sent letters out saying that I had changed my mind, so many of my supporters thought I had caved in."

He also claimed that the public had been influenced by staff at branches. "Staff warned voters about branch closures and told them to vote accordingly," he said. However, Mr Nunneley de-

nied that the vote had been rigged and said the voting pattern at branches and that through the post was similar. Andrew Love, chairman of

the All Party Building Societies Committee, is to press Helen Liddell, economic secretary to the Treasury. Mr Love said the meeting will discuss ways to prevent a similar situation occurring again. Mr Hardern only needed 50 signatures from the Nationwide's 3.5 million members to make an assault on the board.

The remaining societies breathed a sigh of relief at the result. If Nationwide savers had voted in favour of conversion, then they would have found it difficult to remain mutual. David Anderson. Yorkshire Building Society chief executive, said: The



Pro-bank campaigner Michael Hardern said at his London home that he may fight on

entire mutual movement can dence, a strong signal that our message is getting through, and a victory for common

The vote has left the dissiwho include Julie Trewehella, a secretary, and Andrew Martin, a computer consultant, arguing among themselves. They claimed that Mr Hardern's eccentric behaviour had damaged their

campaign.
"Michael was a loose can-

non that shot us in the foot," said Mr Martin. "His U-turn destroyed our credibility and at that point people weren't able to trust us to carry out our

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Students face £10,000 debt under Labour grant plans

By John O'Leary, education editor

MOST students will leave university with debts of more than £10,000 as a result of the Government's announcement yesterday that it is to scrap maintenance grants and to introduce fees for full-time university courses.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, said the changes were necessary to provide more money for a university system that he described as being in crisis. But his announcement, overruling a key element of a review by Sir Ron Dearing published yesterday, provoked a furious reaction from

Labour traditionalists. Lord Glenamara, a former Labour Education Secretary, said he was ashamed of the proposals, which would act as a barrier to young working-class people. "I do not know whether I can remain in a party and support a Government prepared to do this to its own people," he added.

Left-wing MPs accused ministers of betraying the poor and of destroying a system from which they had themselves benefited. Dennis Canavan, MP for Falkirk West, said: "How can they away the ladder of opportunity from so many students?"

Students have promised to fight to preserve free tuition. but university vice-chancellors welcomed the move as the only way to preserve the quality of higher education and to allow for expansion. Mr Blunkett told MPs the Government was offering a new deal for higher education

lived in France and Germany.

Claimants have six months to

come forward and are told to

expect a response within six

New foreign names uncov

ered within the next months will be added to October's list.

which will mainly be com-

that would provide urgently needed funding while guaran-teeing access for poor students. "Our preferred solution secures equity, access, quality and accountability," he said.

In The Times today Mr Blunkett says the Government will guarantee that the savings from abolishing grants are channeled into higher educa-tion. A White Paper in the autumn will address Sir Ron's recommendations to raise the standard of teaching.

Stephen Dorrell, Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, accused the Government of "picking the pock-ets" of low-income students and their families.

Sir Ron, who recommends the retention of grants alongside annual fees of £1,000 to be paid by all students, refused to condemn the decision.

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Get the champagne Christopher's been sent down from university"

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Hague clean-up brings ban on foreign funding

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A BAN on foreign donations and new disciplinary powers to exper or suspend MPs or councillors guilty of gross misconduct were promised by William Hague yesterday as part of the biggest shake-up in the Conservative Party for more than half a century.

The Tory leader preempted Labour plans to outlaw political donations from abroad as he acted to remove the taint of sleaze from his party and spoke of his desire to turn the Tories into a fresh, open, outgoing and clean" organis-ation. All the big contributions, likely to be set at a ceiling of £5,000, will have to be declared and the donor named — again in line with

Labour plans. Last night. Tory sources said the ban on foreign donations would apply to any individual who had no comnections whatsoever with Britain." In theory individuals who are not entitled to vote in British elections (apart from lords) would not be able to donate. But the position of companies is less clear. The

detail would have to be worked out in consultation with lawyers but it is likely that companies with any British connection would still be able to donate.

in a radical reshaping of current structures, the three wings of the party, the Nat-ional Union which runs the voluntary side, Central Office and the parliamentary party are to be brought together into a single organisation gov-erned by a new constitution, which should be ready by

A new governing body simi-lar to a board of directors will run the party, with a chair-man appointed by the leader. and representatives from the constituencies, Parliament and professional bodies.

It will mean that the party machine is put under central control for the first time. There will be a national membership system to enable the party to keep in touch with its members and enable them to be consulted across a wide range isation is not up to the job," sources emphasised that the Mr Hague said. Party members are to be given a say over policy and the election of eaders for the first time. Mr Hague intends to follow Tony Blair in putting the entire Conservative programme to the membership before the next election.

As expected he is to submit both himself and the outlines of his reforms to a a vote of the party in September. Because the new member-

ship system will not be in place by then, constituency associations will be responsible for distributing ballot papers to their known members and collecting them. The results will be declared at the party conference in October.

By announcing the ban on foreign donations — stopping people not entitled to vote in British elections from being in a position to have influence on its outcome - Mr Hague was acting before he was forced to do so by the Government. Claims that the party has been getting big sums from abroad Continued on page 2, col 4

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Work on wreckage salvaged

By MARK HENDERSON

THE Government has agreed to lift its ban on salvage work on the wreck of the 18th-century packet ship Hanover after hearing that it

is deteriorating rapidly.

Last week Tony Banks. Minister for Culture, Media and Sport, stopped work on the wreck, which sank in 1763 with the loss of 60 lives off Cligga Head, near

Perranporth in Cornwall. The salvage company Hydrasalve UK Ltd ob-tained an emergency High Court injunction against the Ministry on Tuesday allowing divers to survey the damage. The company's solicitor

Patricia Francies said: "My clients have been labelled as treasure hunters, but they are professional salvors."

The work resumes today under two marine archaeologists appointed by the Government. A spokesman for the department said the order to protect the wreck had been issued because it had not obtained full details of its historical significance.

Another Holocaust bank list on way

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA AND STEPHEN FARRELL

ANOTHER list of about 20,000 dormant prewar accounts is to be published by the Swiss Bankers' Association in October, continuing what one Swiss newspaper yesterday dubbed "an historic striptease" to return the unclaimed assets of Holocaust victims.

names, published in The Times and other newspapers worldwide yesterday, as well as on the Internet, is the product of the banks' own search. A hotline set up to handle inquiries was besieged yesterday by Holocaust survivors and claimants.

Greville Janner, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust which pressed the banks to release details, said: The telephone has not stopped ringing for a second ... it will create an appalling workload for the banks."

Among the Britons planning to apply is Fiona Goetz, widow of Walter Goetz, the Punch and Daily Express cartoonist and art collector, who died in 1995 aged 83. Among the first list, nearly half of the account holders

posed of unclaimed deposits The list of 1,872 non-Swiss belonging to Swiss citizens. Bankers believe that some may have helped out friends or relatives unable to leave

Nazi Germany and occupied Europe. "Although it could Continued on page 2, col 5



1953 by Walter Goetz

SAS Bosnia raid was called off

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE two Bosnian war criminal suspects that the SAS attempted to arrest on July 10 had been warned that they were wanted by an earlier British-led operation to seize them which was aborted at the last minute.

The Times has learnt that a snatch plan in March was cancelled because Nato and Britain's Conservative government did not want a shoot-out with armed Bosnian Serb bodyguards. Three days later John Major called a general election.

The operation was thrown into doubt because the Bosnian Serbs were able to intercept the telephone conversation of international war crimes investigators with the criminal tribunal in The Hague.

Three days of delays in authorising the operation also meant that the suspects knew that they were likely targets, They therefore had armed guards around them, giving the British no chance to pick

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Unionists reject plan for IRA weapons

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ULSTER Unionists threw the peace process into disarray last night by voting down the Anglo-Irish plan for IRA disarmament. London and Dublin immediately announced that full-scale peace negotiations to develop a new political settlement for Northern Ireland would begin as sched-uled on September 15. "We will hold to that and will take all necessary steps to ensure it happens," they said in a joint

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, will meet next Tuesday to disscuss ways to overcome the impasse over decommissioning, and will continue talking to all the parties.

Dr Mowlam praised the Ulster Unionist Party for staying in the talks even though it voted against the disarma-ment plan. "We want these negotiations to be as inclusive as possible," she said.

However, Dr Mowlam condemned Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party and Robert McCartney's UK Unionist Party for their decision to quit the peace process. That was, she said, no way to represent their electorates and they should stand and argue

The peace process now enters uncharted territory, with hoping that the political cli



Mowlam: condemned Paisley's stance

mate will change over the next few weeks. They will swiftly establish an international body to oversee terrorist disarmament. The IRA ceasefire will have more time to take root. UUP leaders plan to consult widely over the summer and could find greaterthan-expected support for negotiating with Sinn Fein.

The Unionist parties voted down the disarmament plan because it contained no cast iron guarantee that IRA disarmament would occur during peace negotiations. Dr Mowlam insisted the governments were more serious than the Unionists about securing disarmament because the plan, which envisaged disarmament taking place as trust developed, was the only realis-

tic way of achieving it. One possible solution if the impasse cannot be broken by September 15 is that the governments will embark on "proximity talks", whereby they would act as intermediarles between the UUP and Sinn Fein. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, announced his party was quit ting the peace process after helping to defeat the governments' "blueprint for surrender to the IRA" because there was "nothing in this process for the Union or its people".

David Trimble, the UUP leader, has bought time by promising to continue the search for a resolution, but his position is politically precarious. He does not want to appear an enemy of peace, but risks getting too far ahead of Unionist opinion.

Mr Paisley last night de-manded the UUP follow his own party's example and abandon the peace process. Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, said the defeat of the governments' plan was a major serback, but added: "All major setbacks can be followed by major break-throughs if the will is there."

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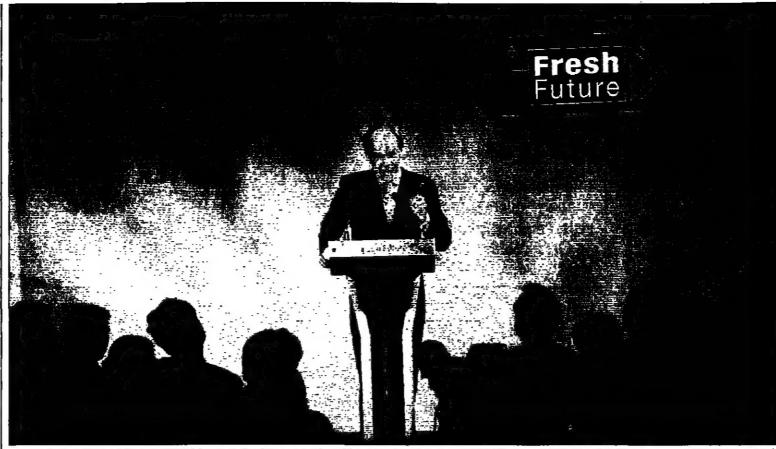
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William Hague makes his address. Spin doctors spoke of him "looking serious but with a smile playing around his mouth and eyes"

Big Chief Bald Eagle loses to the sheriff

of the American Midwest sight: Red Indian chiefs, wan dering the sidewalks in their feathers, unrevered in an alien world. Down on the Reservation they were masters of all they surveyed. But here feathers drooped and bearing faltered. The contrast between scenes was poignant. Journalists yesterday wit-nessed both. We saw Big Chief Bald Eagle, the young warrior recently announced

leader of the Tory tribe, down on the Reservation at Smith square, spiritual homeland of his people. Here a tent filled with warriors and elders was held spellbound, the womenfolk ululating, the senior members of the tribe growling "hyah-ya-ya-yah" in the traditional manner. And we saw him in the big

new settlement of the Palefaces, known as Fort Blair or "the Houses of Parliament": lands seized from his tribe, where his writ no longer runs. He tried to speak; he made a powerful case; but Sheriff Blair kicked dust in his face, the Palefaces laughed, and few of the journalists bothered to write any of it down. His tribesmen, gathered behind, raised a plucky whoop, but they were hopelessly outMATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

numbered. At Central Office William Hague had made a substantial speech outlining his plans for a reorganisation of the Tribe. He argued these with intelligence and

The spin doctors' press re-lease accompanying Hague's new photo-portrait promises a man looking serious but with a smile playing around

Continued from page I have been rife for years.

Before the election it was

revealed that the party had

received large donations from

wealthy businessmen in Hong

Kong, including one who gave £500,000, and in the past it

was embroiled in controversy

over accepting £440,000 from

Asil Nadir, the the Cypriot

businessman who fled Britain

after his Polly Peck group

failed.Mr Hague said the par-

ty must be more open about its

funds. "In not being so in the

past, we have often appeared

ing where else a smile might play, we heard some commonsense delivered with humour in that pleasant but determined tone which is becoming his hallmark.

Hague's call for openness intellectual freedom and a "welcome for diversity" struck notes unfamiliar in Tory wigwarns, but was well-received, With a diplomacy which did him credit, Mr Hague told his

secretive and defensive, and

we have paid a political price

He announced the estab-

lishment of a new internal

disiciplinary committee, with

powers to suspend individ-

uals, councillors or even MPs

"or anyone else who through

gross misconduct bring scorn

drafted so as not to undermine

the role of constituencies to

select their own candidates "in

all normal circumstances" but

the aim is clearly to avoid a

He said the rules would be

on the whole of our party.

for that."

party they were nearly all much too old, Crutches banged against frames in approval. Tories must start to listen, he said. He would. He would

be listening all summer long. Members, too, must listen. Listen at work, listen at play, listen at home, listen on land and at sea, listen down the pit and in the leafy lanes. The rhetoric began to go rather to his head. The list of places where Tories must listen lengthened. A nightmare vision grew of a Britain in which wherever we go we find

Hague plans party shake-up repeat of the sitution before the election where the national leadershiop wanted Neil Hamilton to stand down and

his local party refused. Although some of the re-forms will be controversial locally, and there were signs of concern about deterring would-be donors, Mr Hague will get his way on his broad plans. He suggested the ballot next month would be an opportunity to "back me or

under the bed - listening.

After a standing evation, the new party chairman thanked him. Lord Parkinson is looking quite rejuvenated now he is in charge. He moves his silver coiffed head with the sort of jerky motion we used to observe in Thunrather like Parker the chauffeur - young Hague his Lady Penelope, Both chiefs were cheered a second time.

So it was sad to see Bald Eagle in the Commons chamber. Here he wanted to know why the Prime Minister had said last week that a Welsh Assembly would control the police, and this week that it would not. Sheriff Blair speak with forked tongue, and four times failed to answer Hague's question — but no-body seemed to notice.

Then Barry Jones (Lab, Alyn & Decside) asked for an assurance on the Puture Large Aircraft, and received one on Airbus - but nobody seemed to notice. This Commons is becoming an Orwellian world in which answers do not relate to questions, but nobody says so, and everyone wonders whether he is mad, or everyone else is. A smile layed around Tony Blair's lins. but not his eyes.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Railtrack attacked over cash

Rail campaigners and crash victims are threatening to disrupt the formality of Railtrack's annual general meeting today by pleading for compensation running into millions. Passengers and other casualties who suffered physical, financial and psychological problems after accidents plan to descend on the London meeting to confront the Railtrack board.

Nearly 100 people were injured and two killed in three accidents within a year. Railtrack said the process for claiming compensation was not the company's responsibility, and insisted it had no liability in accidents at Stafford and Watford.

Blair tells rebels not to go public

Tony Blair warned Labour backbenchers not to use the media if they disagreed with him on policy or party reform. His end-of-term address to MPs stressed the importance of party discipline in winning a second term. Differences of opinion must be expressed in a way "that does credit rather than harm to the party and in no way jeopardises our elec-toral prospects".

Scots face 'loss of world news'

Television viewers in Scotland may be deprived of important international news stories if a Tartan" News at Ten is given the go-ahead, the head of ITN warned yesterday. Richard Tait, ITN's editor-in-chief, said there was a danger that much international coverage might have to be sacrificed to facilitate a Scottish version of Britain's most popular news

Fourth jail for Isle of Wight

A fourth jail is planned for the Isle of Wight as the Prison Service faces an inmate population estimated to rise from the current 62,000 to 70,000 by next spring. The service yesterday unveiled proposals to erect prefabricated wooden huts for 400 inmates on farmland near Parkhurst jail near Newport. Eight separate blocks would each contain 52 low-risk inmates.

Blair breaks tradition

Tony Blair is to defy a longstanding convention by cam-paigning in Uxbridge on Friday for the forthcoming by-election. Mr Blair will be the first Prime Minister who has visited a by-election campaign for more than 18 years. The unspoken understanding is that the Prime Minister would be more directly blamed if his or her candidate failed to win. The vote is on July 31.

BSE cases fall by 70% in two years

The number of cattle dying of "mad cow" disease has fallen by 70 per cent over the past two years, reinforcing fore-casts that it will peter out around the turn of the century. In the first six months of this year, there were 1,716 cases of BSE, 56 per cent fewer than in the same period of 1990 and 70 per cent down on the first half of 1995, Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, said.

BT chocolates

A BT executive who was accused of harassment after

Rights for part-time workers

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

endorsed

THE EU law giving up to six million British part-time workers the same rights to sick leave and paid holidays as their full-time colleagues was endorsed yesterday by the Brussels Commission.

The draft directive, which will go to EU ministers for final approval in the autumn, Social Chapter, the framework for employment law that the Government agreed to join

Under a House of Lords ruling in 1994, British parttime workers are guaranteed the same rights over unfair dismissal and redundancy as full-timers, but an estimated 60 per cent do not enjoy paid sick leave, holiday pay, occupational pensions, share options and other benefits. One in three employees will be working part time by 2001, according to Government

The TUC says that the cost will amount to 0.5 per cent of

the total pay bill.

A British official yesterday welcomed the new draft law but said that it would have a very small impact in Britain where part-time workers al-ready had statutory rights.

bill in Danish bank fraud case By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT A MARATHON civil fraud with Mr Spjeldnaes is expect-

Taxpayer taces

case ended yesterday in a £90 million High Court vic-tory for a Danish bank and the prospect of a multimillion pound bill for the British taxpayer in legal aid costs.

The question of who pays legal fees run up in the action brought by Jyske Bank, the fourth largest bank in Den-mark, against 32 corporate and individual defendants has yet to be decided, and lawyers' bills have not been assessed.

Seven people were granted legal aid for their defence. Anyone bringing or defending legal proceedings in the Eng-lish courts can obtain legal aid provided that they meet crite-ria on income and assets and the "merits" test which looks One defendant granted le-

gal aid was Jan Henning Spjeldnaes, former managing director of the bank's Gibraltar subsidiary, who was yes-terday found to have defrauded it of £56.23 million, of which £46 million remains unrecovered. When interest is added, his final liability to the bank is likely to be at least

E90 million. Another was Michael Metcalf, an accessory to the fraud, interest) and Mr Heinl whose share of joint liability (£4.5 million plus interest).

ed to run to £82 million when final judgment is given later this year.

in a summary after an 87day hearing spread over more than a year, Mr Justice Evans-Lombe said that in a period of two years from February 1989 Jyske Bank (Gibraltar) Ltd was procured to enter into 16 transactions, all but one of which were loans to corporate borrowers in which Mr Spjeldnaes had a personal interest. Most of the money was used for property develop-ment in Spain, the North of England and Eire, and trad-

ing operations in Africa.
One of Mr Spjeldnaes's principal associates, Rolf Jacobsen, had not contested the case. The remainder of the whether the bank could establish a case against Pablo Zoltan-Frank, another associate of Mr Spjeldnaes; Julia Gould, wife of Mr Metcalf, and Wolfgang Heinl, an Ire-land-based commercial agent alleged to have assisted in the dispersal of the bank's money. The judge found the allegations were made out against Mr Jacobsen (£5.1 million plus

man loses case

he gave a box of chocolates to a woman colleague lost his sex discrimination claim. Tony Manning, 37, of Great Blakenham near Ipswich, Suffolk, was transferred to another BT job. An industrial tribunal at Bury St Edmunds. Suffolk, ruled that BT had no case to answer and dismissed his case.

Swiss bank chief tells of shame

be argued that these extraordinary measures should have been taken earlier, it's important to keep in mind that no country has laws that oblige banks to actively search for the owners of dormant accounts," said Georg Krayer, chairman of the Swiss Bank-

He admitted, however, that he was ashamed when he saw that some of the names of groups or companies could easily have been traced. The accounts are worth SFr60.2 million (£24.3 milpreviously admitted. Most of this change was down to the Swiss Bank Corporation, which revised the value of unclaimed deposits in its vaults from SFr11.4 million (£4.6 million) to SFr27.4 miltion (£11 million).

The corporation said that it had discovered errors made when it introduced computer systems in the 1970s. Government officials have

been pushing for the publication of the lists for months but faced strong resistance from some bankers, who were anxious to guard their reputation for secrecy.

Mrs Goetz discovered yesterday that not only was "Goetz, Walter, London GB" - her late husband - on the http://www.dormantaccounts.ch

husband's parents, Alfred and Berthe Goetz.
She said: "My mother-in-

law died only two or three years after we married, and never mentioned a thing. This is something that should have been dealt with long ago, when it would have affected people very much more,"

Greville Janner urged the Swiss to speed the process of checking claims. "Never in the history of banking has so much been owed by so few to so many. It is billions. The Swiss say it will-take a year. I do not accept that."

The Internet address is:



Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

finds teenagers determined to go on

SHAKEN shocked and blooded in the type of horrific

terrorist incident to which Israelis have become all too

accustomed, 41 British Jewish

continue their month-long

educational tour which began with a ruthless attack on the

drove his red Mitsubishi

straight at them at 80mph and

then lashed out left and right

at those knocked to the floor

with a samurai sword and commando knife. "For the rest of my life I

shall never forget the moment

that the attacker came straight

towards us swinging the

sword. For some reason I do

not understand, something

made be go towards him, but luckily he was wrestled to the

ground and I was not hurt,"

said Graham, speaking at the Tel Aviv hostel where the British party was visited by psychologists organised by

The Jewish Agency.
Ten of the British teenagers

were lightly wounded in the

attack, but all the young men

and women from London and

Manchester will carry the

emotional scars of the first

teenagers vowed yesterday to ;

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yesterday but his condition was said to be improving after treatment with venom

Mr Palmer, 34, and his son had noticed the adder asleep in their path as they walked beside the River Crouch in Essex Mr Paimer bent to. move it, and was bitten twice on the finger and thumb, They returned to their yacht and set sail to seek help in

Burnham, four miles away,



but Mr Palmer quickly started to vomit and to lose

Joe, from Charlton, southeast London, said: "Dad immediately sucked out the poison and spat it away. His lips and throat began to swell up and his hand was the size of a balloon. When we finally got

to the boat he collapsed." A Thames coastguard spokesman said: The boy was extremely sensible and helped to save his father. He isted the lifeboat crew when they arrived. He knew he had to keep his father's airway open because his throat was closing quickly."



attack where somebody seems out to kill you and all of those with you," he said.

Hamas attack will not

ruin our trip, say Britons

Under police interrogation yesterday the attacker, Nazareth-born Nader Abu Rabieh, aged in his early thirties, admitted that the car, sword

group and some Canadians sitting in a nearby restaurant tionalistic reasons". Abu Rabieh, reported to have connections with Hamas, said he had been angered by recent

Jewish posters depicting the

Prophet Muhammad as a

drawn by a Jewish extremist from the former Soviet Union now undergoing physchiatric tests, could provoke many more random attacks like that in Old Jaffa. Both Harnas and Islamic Jihad have vowed revenge for the posters which depict the pig stomping on the Koran and in the Islamic world, there have been angry demonstrations as far afield as Iran and Bangladesh. Jonathan Landsman, 21,

from Northwood in north London, the British organiser of the group, praised the courage of the teenagers as the attacker flailed his sword having shouted the Muslim war cry Allah Akbar (God is Great) as he jumped from his wrecked car. He had just left the Mahmoudiya mosque when the attack was launched just after 9pm.

The whole thing happened so quickly it was difficult for me to have any immediate thoughts beyond looking after my kids, especially those who were injured," Mr Landsman said. "The car just drove straight into them and many were left lying on the ground screaming. Then the driver went on the attack with some sort of sword that he was swinging about."

The attacker was last night in an Israeli hospital suffering from a ruptured spleen after being wrestled to the ground by an off duty policeman and hit with a metal pipe by the



Jennifer Martin, one of the British teenagers, in a Tel Aviv youth hostel yesterday

Death-pact survivor can keep her lover's £50,000

mad to some degree."

to his parents at a special incident room established by

the Jewish Agency.

They were terrific. They

told me I could make up my

own mind whether to go ahead," he added. He said that

in the immediate aftermath of

the attack, there were those

anxious to go straight home, but the mood had changed by yesterday morning, when the whole party left for the Red

Sea resort of Ellat by coach.

"I have learnt a great deal in

the past 24 hours. You read

that things like this can hap-

pen in Israel, but it is just so different, so terrifying, when

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN who survived a Suicide Act 1961 suicide is not suicide pact made with her lover won a E50,000 payout from his estate yesterday. In the first case of its kind, the Court of Appeal ruled that cases, Lord Justice Phillips Nanette Plant was more deserving of sympathy than punishment, although guilty of "criminal complicity" in the suicide of Tony Dunbar.

By two to one, the judges agreed to waive the normal rule that forbids criminals from benefiting from their own wrong-doing, and upheld Miss Plant's right to the full value of the couple's former home and a payout under his life assurance, together total-. ling about £50,000.

Mr Dumbar's father John, of Sale, Cheshire, had said that she should not have a penny as she had aided and abetted his son's suicide. Under the

By A STAFF REPORTER

snake poison made Ian Palmer's throat begin to close and

he lapsed in and out of

his son's prompt call a lifeboat and rescue helicopter arrived

within minutes, and Mr.

Palmer was flown to hospital.

He was in intensive care

usness. But thanks to

a crime, but it is an offence to aid, abet, counsel or procur the suicide of another. Giving guidance for future

said the survivor of a suicide

sympathy rather than prosecution". Miss Plant and Mr Dunbar fell in love in 1987, and bought a home in Preston. Lancashire. They got engaged at Christmas 1989, but in January 1991 Miss Plant fell under suspicion of false accounting in her job as administration controller at Blackpool's Savoy Hotel. Fearing she would soon be arrested, she told her lover that she intended to take her own life. Mr Dunbar, 24, could not face life without her.

The couple first tried to gas themselves in their car before

Boy saves father

deciding to hang themselves from the rafters in their attic. Miss Plant's noose came loose and she survived. She said she tried to finish her life by cutting her throat and wrists with a kitchen knife and jumping from a bedroom win-

dow, but again survived. Miss Plant, who now lives in Bexhill, Sussex, was later convicted of false accounting and, on May \$ 1992, was given a nine-month suspended prison sentence. Lord Justice Phillips said that although she had been guilty of a criminal offence in the suicide, her degree of culpability had been so low that strict enforce-Forfeiture Act would not be in the public interest. In a pact "the survivor will normally attract sympathy rather than prosecution".

Son fixated on models hit parents

A YOUTH aged 18 was so obdia Schiffer and Eva Herzegova that he attacked his parents when they suggested his

interest had got out of hand. Philip Wright, who changed his name to Herzegova-Schiffer, was given a 12-month suspended sentence by magisafter he admitted causing actual bodily harm and criminal damage. Grace Wright, his mother, was forced to flee the family home in St Columb son began punching her when she got some questions about Miss Schiffer wrong.

Wright later had an argument with his father, Brian, when he announced he was changing his name by deed poll. He punched his father in the head, threw him on to a sofa and bit him on his ear. He then threatened to kill him with a knife and kicked in the family's video.

Mr Wright said after the case that his son had learnt his lesson and that he had bought his parents a "sorry" card.

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Bournemouth. Last night, as the British
murist industry celebrated a
riew hero, Mr Isaacs, 71, from King's Lynn, Norfolk, said: "I

prefer not to get into the hassle of travelling abroad." He was given £10,000 to

by Barclays Bank, after entering a competition when he took out a car loan. Winners invariably choose to go abroad. Mr Isaacs, whose wife Kathleen is 80, has never been further afield than France and

does not plan to change now.

"A holiday is all about relaxing," he said. "We're going on a coach tour of the Highlands because I can see the sights without driving. I like the look of Guernsey. And we've been to Bournemouth holiday anywhere in the world before and we've chosen there earthquakes."

There's an awful lot of Britain I haven't seen."

Bournemouth's public relations officer. Liz Micklethwaite, said: "Sensible man. There is virtually everything in Bournemouth.

At the British Tourist Authority, a spokesman praised Mr isaacs' rejection of more exotic destinations: "He will find everything here. We have got everything they have got.

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British climbers fall to deaths in French Alps

TWO British climbers fell 3,000 ft to their deaths while posing for photographs on a ridge on Mont Blanc in the French Aips. Clare Kempster.
31. apparently lost her footing when she made a lunge for her rucksack: and dragged her companion, Mark Haseler. 39, from West Dulwich, south London, into a ravine.

A third climber on the expedition had unroped himself to take the pictures on a section of the mountain called the Aiguille de Bionassey, and saw them fall.

French police said that Miss Kempster's rucksack slipped from the ledge. Marc Dubrulle of the Chamonix mountain police, said: They reached a ridge, with Italy on one side and France on the other, where there is a very beautiful view, and they ap-parently decided to get a photograph of themselves with the view in the background.

"One of them released himself from the rope, and the other two stepped back for the it started sliding down the slope. She tried to catch it and fell, pulling the other climber.

who was still roped to her.
"If was a foolish action to try to catch the rucksack in a position like that. The mountain is dangerous, but that grantmer. His parents, Ernest spot is not particularly perilisind Marjorie, were making

Pair had stopped

to take photos on high ridge, report

Susan Bell

and Adrian Lee

because she was so good."

some Alpine experience.

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many people off the mountain.

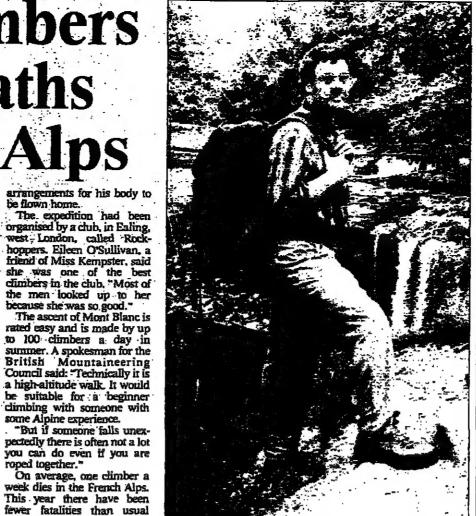
roped together."

ous, and one would think it is better to lose the rucksack." The bodies of the victims were recovered by helicopter

on the Italian side of the mountain. The alarm was raised by the surviving climber and an investigation begun by Italian authorities in Aosta. The climbers had spent Mon-day night in a hut just above 10,000 ft. They set off at first light on Tuesday to the summit of the 15,771 ft peak. The accident happened at 7am. Mr Haseler lived for climb-

ing, his family said yesterday.
"It was his abiding passion,"
his brother, Tony, 51, of Croydon, south London, said. "I photo. At this point, the would describe him as a keen woman lost her rucksack, and amateur but he was very would describe him as a keen cautious and did not take

Mr Haseler, a former pupil of John Ruskin School, Croydon, worked at St George's Hospital, Tooting, south London, as a computer pro-



Mark Haseler, who died with Clare Kempster

Widow of man killed on Mont Blanc tackles Andes

her husband is to tackle two of the world's most awesome mountains. Pamela Caswell 43. survived 36 hours in a freezing ravine on Mont Blanc in 1994, after a 200ft fall in which her husband, Stephen, died.

She and her son Simon, 16, had used Mr Caswell's jacket to keep warm as they lay next to his body, waiting for an Italian rescue team. Mrs Caswell was six weeks preggant with another son, now aged two. While she is away in the Andes, relations will look after Stephen, named after his father, a geology

Mrs Caswell, a Plymouth teacher, will leave Britain tomorrow as the only woman on an eight-strong expedition. They plan to climb in the Cordillera Central range and hope to become the first British team to conquer one of the peaks that reaches 5,897 metres and the second to scale another peak of 5,730 metre.

Only one British expedition has been to the area, in 1958, and much of the range is unclimbed and unexplored. Mrs Caswell and the other climbers are seeking sponsor-



ship for the expedition, which is costing £1,600 each. She said: "I never thought of giving up climbing after the accident. If you go on trips like that you have to put up

with the risk of things hap-pening. You would be very

naive not to think of them. "I have carried on climbing right the way through since the accident, but I have been a little limited by having a twoyear-old child. Everyone who climbs has fears. It is healthy to be afraid. You cannot go into an expedition being completely blase, but it is like everything - you don't do it

unless you want to. "My husband would have wanted me to carry on, just as I would have expected him not to give up if it had been the other way round.

"I am looking forward to this expedition. We have received grants from the British Mountaineering Council and the Mount Everest Foundation, but we are still looking for sponsorship.

"It is the second time I have been to the Andes, but this time we are going to an area which has been visited only once by the British. There are a lot of unclimbed peaks of herween 4,000 and 6,000 metres, and what we are doing is exploration as well mountaineering."

Libel case damages for Earl Spencer

EARL SPENCER, accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages yesterday over newspaper allegations about his attempts to curb the behaviour of a South African photo-

grapher.
The Earl, brother of Diana Princess of Wales, now lives in estranged wife, Victoria, and four children. He was not at the High Court for the settlement of his actions against The Guardian and the London Evening Standard. His solicitor, Simon Ekins, told Mr Justice Popplewell that the photographer, Fanie Jason, had embarked on a "persistent and relentless campaign of intimidation" direct-

ed at the whole family. Deborah Ashenhurst, representing Associated Newspapers and Guardian Newspapers, unreservedly accepted that there was no truth whatsoever in the defamatory imputations published and sincerely apologised for the embarrassment and distress

They had agreed to pay. Lord Spencer substantial damages and his legal costs.

Teenagers in firework arson prank

TWO teenagers who pushed a lighted firework through a

prompted a petition signed by thousands of people demandsale of fireworks, which was delivered to 10 Downing Street earlier this year.

three-floor family bome last October was started after Smith held a firework display for younger members of his own family. He and Whitbrook were walking to a local shop when Whitbrook put a rocket minus its stick into the letterbox and lit it. The pair then ran off, but a fierce fire developed and Dale's mother was unable to reach him.

Whitbrook had told police:

are detained

and Christopher Smith, 17, both of Nottingham, admitted reckless arson. Mr Justice Smedley ordered at Leicester Crown Court that a charge of manslaughter lie on file.

The fire at the Mitchells'

letterbox, causing a fire that killed a ten-year-old boy, were sentenced to three years youth custody yesterday.
The death of Dale Mitchell

Jonathan Whitbrook, 18

"It was just a prank."

The Times Crossword Championship

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Police may be charged over man's death

The DPP has admitted making errors and is to review the case, Richard Ford reports

TWO policemen could be charged with manslaughter after the Director of Public Prosecutions admitted vesterday that there had been an erfor of law in reaching her original view not to charge them.

Dame Barbara Mills. QC. also accepted that a pathologist's evidence available at the ime of the original decision could not support the view that Shiji Lapite's death was caused by an accident.

Mr Lapite died after a violent struggle with officers outside a club in Stoke Newington, north London, in December 1994

The decision not to prusecute Police Constables Paul Wright and Andrew Me-Cultom was taken by Robert Munday, a principal Crown prinecular, and was approved by senior officials, including Dame Barbara.

The concession by Dame Barbara came as Olamide Jones, the widow of Mr Lapite. started an unprecedented court challenge to the DPP's decision not to charge the officers over his death.

The Police Complaints Authority also accepted at the ings that its decision not to



Mr Lapite, a painter and

decorator, died aged 34 from

aspyhxia and cocaine intoxica-

tion after being put in a neck

Shiji Lapite, who died, PC Peter Wright, centre, and PC Andrew McCallum

bring disciplinary charges against Constables Wright hold as he was leaving the club. He was pinned down by and McCallum was "flawed the officers and his larynx was partially crushed. He had up and should be quashed", and that there should be another 45 injuries on his body while the officers were almost Ms Jones, of Southwark, south London, said in a stateunscathed.

At the inquest Constable Wright admitted applying the neck hold and Constable ment: "I am pleased with the decision but the fight is not over. I hope the police authori-McCallum admitted kicking ties will not continue to protect Mr Lapite twice. They said those responsible for my husthat the dead man had tried to hand's death and that the CPS strangle Constable Wright. will take this opportunity to prosecute the officers involved."

un inquest jury found that Mr Lapite had been unlawfully killed but the CPS decided against bringing charges of manslaughter and the Police Complaints Authority, after that was unreasonable and untenable on post-mortem evidence: that the evidence of excessive and unlawful force was overwhelming and that it was irrational to conclude otherwise: and that the DPP was under a legal obligation to give reasons for her decision. Mr Emmerson said that in a recent letter Dame Barbara had agreed to quash her

decision because it relied

upon the acceptance of a

possibility that the constric-

tion on Mr Lapite's neck that led to his death may have been caused unintentionally by PC hearing representations from Wright's arm having become Scotland Yard, did not bring accidentally entangled in Mr Lapite's clothing, forming a ligature". He said Dame Bardisciplinary charges. Ben Emmerson, counsel for bara had been sent a report Ms Jones, told the High Court that Mr Lapite died as a result from the coroner's pathologist which described that theory as "injuries inflicted by PC Wright and PC McCallum "unreasonable and untenable while in police custody'

the post-mortem Ms Jones launched an application for judicial review of Mr Emmerson told Lord Justice Rose, sitting with Mr Justice Jowitt, said that the dithe decision not to prosecute the officers for manslaughter. rector also accepted that an er-She believed that the DPP had made a fundamental error of ror of law was made when delaw by applying the wrong ciding whether there should have been a charge of man-slaughter as a result of an elements of the offence of unlawful act of manslaughter: unlawful act. The hearing based the decision on an



Olamide Jones, widow of Shiji Lapite, yesterday

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FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND

IN BANGKOK

AN IRISHMAN will appear before a court in Thailand

today charged with murder.
Colin Martin. 36, is said to
have taken revenge after
claiming he was duped into

becoming an agent for a syndicate that took money

from redundant British ship-

yard workers for Far East jobs that did not exist. Mr Martin, who lives in Thailand, is alleged to have

kidnapped the man he blamed

for the scheme and stabbed to death another in trying to recover £200,000 lost by Brit-

He was arrested by Thai

Gerry O'Connor, from New

Zealand, who was said to have

been held at knifepoint. The body of Bret Holdsworth, a

New Zealand ship's captain,

was found on a roadside near the beach resort of Pattaya. Mr Martin is alleged to

have gone berserk after track-

ing down the conmen who, he

said, had tricked dozens of shipyard workers from Clydeside, Barrow-on-Fur-

ness, Tyneside, Teesside, Mer-

seyside, and Beliast out of

their life savings on a promise

of lucrative work on the Pacific

island of Guam.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Children avenge mother

An man obsessed with his exgirlfriend was jailed for life at Bristol Crown Court for the murder of Barbara Wallace, 33, who had ended their twomonth romance Errol Gra-ham. 24. of Horfield Bristol. was identified by his victim's children. Brady, eight, and Sacha, ten, who heard their mother's screams.

Brady had run to his mother's aid. striking Graham with a metal bar from a table football game, but the man pushed past him. As Ms Wallace lay with a stab wound to the heart, the children raised the alarm by dial-ling 999 from a call box.

Al Faved loses

Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, has lost his attempt to sue Emanouel Naghi, an antiques dealer, who he alleged had sold him forged candelabra in 1986 and 1987. The Court of Appeal ruled that he had taken too long to bring the action.

Mother returns

A baby boy who was left in a telephone box in January at Tameside near Manchester. when he was five days old, was reunited with his young mother yesterday. She had written to social workers saying she wished that she had never let him go.

Obscenity charge

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David Kirkland, 42, an accountant at the University of Manchester Institute for Science and Technology, was charged with making obscene telephone calls to boys between April and June. He was remanded on ball Manchester magistrates.

Sailor's £800 kiss

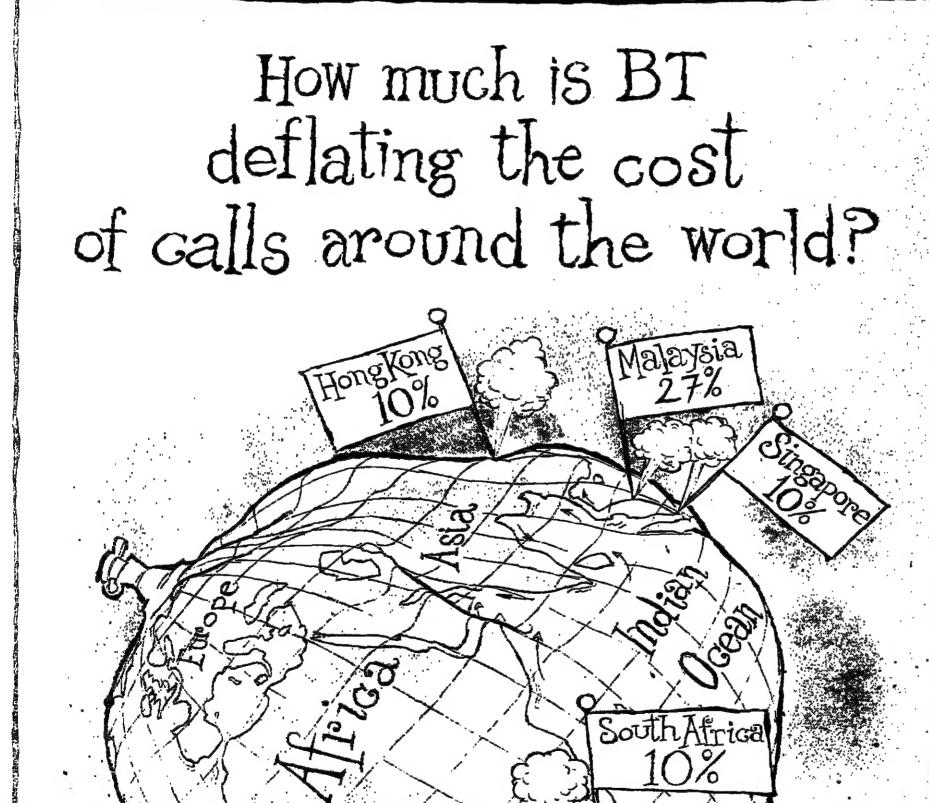
Royal Navy Warrant Officer Peter Horrocks, 48, was cleared of five sexual harassment charges by a court martial in Portsmouth but fined £800 and given a severe reprimand for kissing a Wren on the neck in "wholly unacceptable behaviour".

Alcopops ban

A new pub has been granted a licence that incorporates a ban on alcopops. Judge Richard Haworth imposed the condition at Kingston Crown Court after an appeal against magistrates' refusal to license The Hogshead at Kingston

Mail logic

The Green Dragon pub in Lovedean, Hampshire, got a letter through its letterbox from the Royal Mail, saying mail could not be put through the letterbox because a parked trailer made it hard to reach. The postman had squeezed in a 10in gap and bent sideways.



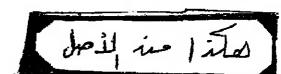
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Hanged Oxford student had tried suicide before

Parents and friend criticise university care, reports Kathryn Knight

AN OXPORD student who hanged herself just weeks before her finals had already attempted suicide twice during her time at the university,

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an inquest was told yesterday. Sarah Napuk's parents re-fused to attend the hearing. and instead issued an open letter warning other families not to send their vulnerable and sensitive young children to the "unsafe" environment of Oxford University.

Miss Napuk, 21, a history

student, was expected to get a first, and had secured a Kennedy Fellowship at Harvard. She had suffered from depression since the sixth form, and was taking medication when

she went to college in 1994.

She received counselling from the university over her problems with the academic workload. Three weeks after her second attempt to take her own life with an overdose, she was found hanging from the wardrobe in her room at Lady Margaret Hall

A fellow student, Rebecca Tuck, told the Oxford inquest that she was encouraging Miss Napuk to ask to see a different counsellor. She said the woman she was seeing was advising her to leave the university and telling her she could not cope. Miss Napuk saw herself as having writer's



Sarah Napuk, left, and her friend Rebecca Tuck, who criticised counselling at Oxford University

Tuck said. "She explained she

was having problems with her

fiance, who was having panie

attacks. On top of the work, she was unable to cope with

The vice-principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Frances Lannon, said that Miss

Napuk found it difficult to

strike a balance between her

work and her outside inter-

ests. Dr Lannon, Miss Napuk's moral tutor, said: Tutors commented on her

very obvious ability, but con-

sistently reported she was not

working steadily enough. She

was very much involved in the

organisation of student life,

block and was unable to produce essays, and that cul-minated in her taking an overdose of seven or eight paracetamol in June 1995.

This year she seemed to be having more problems. She realised she was going to have to start doing a lot more academic work and realised what case she had realised. what gaps she had, particular-ly from her second year." At the end of March, Miss Napuk took an overdose of 20

paracetamol. After hospital treatment, she went home to see her family in Edinburgh. seemed a little bit better. She had drawn up a work schedule but she was having trouble doing any work at all," Miss

Dr McShane, a psychiatrist at Oxford's Churchill Hospital who attended Miss Napuk after her second overdose, said she had a history of mood swings but had been particularly stressed about her workload. After Miss Napuk hanged herself on April 10, a work schedule drawn up was found on her desk nearby.

Recording a verdict of suicide, the coroner Nicholas Gardiner passed his condo-lences to Miss Napuk's par-ents Kerry, 50, American businessman, and Angela. In their letter, the Napuks were critical of the counselling structure at Oxford and claimed to have found flaws in a new system that was said to have strengthened the safety net for students.

After the hearing, Miss Tuck, who has just completed her final exams in law, said down by the system and not by her own personality.

However, the Reverend Professor Ernest Nicholson, chairman of the university's student health committee, said: "I have to say with great sadness that even with many more counsellors, we could not necessarily have prevented this tragedy."

Childminder jailed for manslaughter

Judge sends warning that working mothers have right to expect exemplary childcare, reports Paul Wilkinson

A CHILDMINDER who killed a four-month-old girl after a momentary loss of patience was yesterday jailed for five years for manslaughter.

A judge accepted that Angel

la Lee, 46, who has two children, had an impeccable seven-year record as a childminder before the death of Danielle Firth. But he said that mothers who went to work had a right to expect that

Lee was acquired of mur-dering Danielle in February last year but convicted of manslaughter by a jury at Leeds Crown Court. The verdict satisfied Danielle's parents, Barrie and Peira Firth. "We did not believe it was murder, she just snapped." Mr Firth said.

Police said that the parents had taken every possible care in selecting the childminder. who was registered with Kirklees council and had an exemplary record. But Dani-elle died just ten days after her first visit to Lee's home in Denby Dale, west Yorkshire.
The baby had five head injuries, thought to have been caused by being shaken, thrown against a hard surface and prodded or smacked.

Lee gave three different accounts of injuries

told Lee: "It is the practice of many women to return to work when their children are still little. In order that they can do this, people like you qualify as childminders and mothers pay you to care and look after their children.

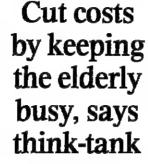
Whether babies are occasionally fractious or awkward, whether they take their bottles or not, they are tender little lives. They are entitled to be treated carefully by those who care for them. For some reason, and I accept for a very short time, you lost your patience and self-control, probably while you were trying to feed her, and in frustration you shook her slapped her

and dropped her." Lee, whose children were aged 12 and 4 at the time of the baby's death, gave three accounts of how the iniuries occurred.

First she told police that the baby had fallen from its car seat on to a toy castle, then that she had fallen from her lap as she fed her. In court Lee admitted that she had lied because she feared her registration would be withdrawn, and said that the baby had stood up to find a tissue. The girl was dead when paramedics arrived.

After the verdict Mr and Mrs Firth called for tighter controls on childminders, including spot checks on their homes. You cannot just sit back and accept that everything is working smoothly." said Mr Firth, of Barnoldswick, Lancashire. The couple now have a seven-month-old

Anne Marie Graham, head of Kirklees Early Years Service, said: "Kirklees has very comprehensive policies covering the registration and training of childminders, over and above national guidelines. But however thorough guidelines may be, it is clearly impossible to legislate for a one-off tragic incident."



BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

CARE for the elderly is in disarray, with old people caught in a game of "pass the parcel" between health and social services, according to the independent think-tank Demos. One solution to the problem of funding services for the aged, it suggests, is to encourage them to take up voluntary work.

them active but provide man power to keep services running, says a report by Demos. Its chief criticisms are that inefficient financing makes poor use of paid care staff, services are unresponsive and designed for the convenience of the providers and professionals rather than those who need, them, and that the system works only because families make huge contributions.

Calling for a seamless systern of support for the elderly, based on their needs and preferences, the report says that policies from transport to planning need to be audited to ensure they promote inde-

Educational programmes to keep older people's minds active are needed alongside integrated chiropody, physio-therapy and occupational therapy programmes to look after their physical disorders. A single budget bridging health and community care is described as essential.

Demos also suggests setting up energy conservation programmes to keep homes warm and in good repair, cutting the incidence of illness caused by cold and damp.

Overall there should be a robust social network for the elderly. The generation now-growing old may prefer videos-on-wheels to meals-onwheels, while the internet could be used to develop and to maintain community

relationships.
"Without radical reform. ageing for Britons in the 21st century will be a wretched business," the report says. The growing numbers of elderly people will not tolerate that for long."

Holding back the years (Demos, 9 Bridewell Place, London EC4V 6AP; £7.95)



Barrie and Peira Firth, outside court, calling for spot checks on childminders

BT engineers claim unfair sacking

BY STEPHEN FARRELL AND GLEN OWEN

TWO BT computer experts who beat 30 million callers to win tickets costing £10 for Concorde flights are to take their employer to an industrial tribunal after being dismissed for allegedly abusing their technical knowledge." Neville Secular and Dean Perry, who

worked in the same office, were sacked after BT admitted security procedures were breached during a British Airways Valentine's Day offer. Mr Secular, 25, from Orpington, Kent,

and Mr Perry, from Essex, were among the first 190 winning callers to a hotline number on February 12. Both were configuration engineers sharing an office at Br's Data Build division in London. which deals with digital switches and

work. The pair claimed to have dialled the 0345 hotline in the normal way, using the speaking clock and redial buttons on their handsets to synchronise their calls

when the lines opened at exactly 10pm. But telecom experts claimed they could have had access to specialised knowledge enabling them to bypass "call-gapping" mechanisms that filter out many calls at an early stage to avoid overloading the network. Richard Cox. an independent consultant, said: "Data Build are probably the group of people who know most

about how the system works."

At first BT insisted the offer was a genuine lottery for all those taking part. However, the pair failed to take their Concorde seats on February 14 and were later dismissed after an internal inquiry.

A BT spokeswoman said yesterday: "We had a full investigation and individuals who abused their position were dismissed. BT has now ensured that in any future promotions there are processes to prevent the repetition of any abuses that

occurred on this occasion." oversubscribed ever, with 20 million calls between 9.50pm and 10.15pm for the £5,400 return trip tickets. The airline said last night that it was satisfied with the inquiry. BT is to pay about £20,000 to five charities nominated by BA, including Unicef and schools and orphanages

in Ghana and Bangladesh. The unfair dismissal claims have been lodged at Stratford industrial tribunal, east London. No date has been set.

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Judges offered role in deciding law policy

Deal may end tensions over justice reforms, reports Frances Gibb

LORD Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, last night proposed a new partnership between judges and ministers to give the judiciary input into government policymaking on the justice system and end tensions between them.

He told the judges' annual dinner at the Mansion House: It is essential that Government be able to speak to the judiciary and the judiciary to Government." The approach would be in marked contrast to that of the previous Home Secretary, Michael Howard.

With the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill close by, the Lord Chancellor said it was widely perceived by the public that under the last Government "relations between the higher judiciary and the Government had sunk to an all-time low". But the new Government had "learnt from the errors of our predecesors." Lord Irvine said.

He "regarded it as of the first importance" that the judges' views were taken into account on proposed changes

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Lord Irvine: he would be intermediary for talks

judges had of "damage they apprehend to the system from legislative proposals ... should be able to be made known effectively to Government at a stage when policy is still being formulated".

Lord Irvine made clear that he saw himself as the intermediary between judges and the Government. Although it would sometimes be right for judges to have discussions

with other Cabinet ministers, he said "discretion should be exercised on both sides whether that might be appropriate". He reminded the audience of several hundred judges that he was chairing several Cabiner committees, including one on the Queen's Speech and future legislation. Lord Irvine said he could not guarantee

In a spirit of rapprochement he added: "Any Lord Chancellor is likely to share with the judiciary common values arising out of the nature and long traditions of our justice sys-tem. I doubt that we will be

that ministers and judges would always agree, but if

they disagreed, they would do

disagreeing often." Lord Irvine also signalled a concession on court fees, which have come under strong attack from across the legal profession as an obstacle to going to law.

He said he would be considering whether the existing exemptions from court fees -

extended beyond people on income support to those on other benefits such as jobseeker's allowance, the disability working allowance, and Family Credit.

He emphasised that the carefully to the judiciary on what model for a Bill of Rights it favoured. But Lord Irvine made clear that whatever model was chosen would pre serve parliamentary sov-

ereignty.

The legislation would be introduced in the Lords and he would be "piloting it through the chamber," he said. "What is critical is that the form of incorporation (of the European Convention) sits comfort-Kingdom institutions. It must not disturb the supremacy of

"It must not put the judges in a position where they are seen as at odds with Parliament. That would be a recipe for conflict and mutual

Parliament.



Nothing to beam about: Scotty, left, with Chekov and Captain James T. Kirk

Star Trek heroes can't go quite so boldly after all

BY NICK NUTTALL

IT IS the sort of problem that Scotty, the chief engineer of the starship Enterprise, would have fixed in a few minutes with a rueful smile and a spot of light welding. However, modern scientists say they cannot find any solution to the workings of

speed of light would require an improbably large amount of energy, even for the pride of the space fleet. The energy needed to accelerate to Warp Factor One equals 10 billion times more energy than is locked up to the entire universe

This is a fantastic amount of energy. I don't think it's very likely that anyone will Larry Ford, a researcher from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, writing in Classical and Quantum Gravity.

The research, drawing on Einstein's general theory of relativity, suggests that the energy involved in one soiution — shrinking space ahead of the ship and expand-ing it at the back — would

of awesome proportions.

However, a separate report in New Scientist offers news that transporters - used to beam Star Trek crew members between planets to the ship - may be edging from science fiction to fact. Other researchers have found that there may be a way of re-assembling humans atom by

atom, without making a mess. French scientists, writing in the Physical Letters Review, may have created the special atoms needed. Scrambling a person's atomic structure and re-assembling it had been deemed impossible. According to the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, you cannot measure all the properties of an atom precisely.

However, the French team have created entangled particles that carry "memories" of

Aswan Dam 'may trigger Ice Age'

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Aswan Dam could terranean which is getting trigger a new loe Age, a scientist has predicted. Bob Johnson, of the University of Minnesota, believes that building the Egyptian dam in 1968 has led to oceanic and climatic effects that could cause a massive build-up of ice in the Arctic, freezing the

Scientist that it is a "pretty farout idea ... but I am quite serious". His theory has some support from work by researchers at Colorado and Quebec universities. They have found evidence from marine fossils that the Ice Age of 120,000 years ago was caused when ice packs in the

The Nile dam has stopped fresh water entering the Medi-

saltier. As salt water is heavier than fresh water, the flows from the sea are getting big-ger. After leaving the Straits of Gibraltar, the extra flows move north, where they meet the warm Gulf Stream.

Dr Johnson, an oceanologist, says that this will push a. This <u>i</u> trigger heavier snowfall in the Arctic, causing a huge expansion of ice sheets. He wants a giant barrage built across the Straits of Gibraltar to reduce the extra flows.

☐ Repeated bombardments of Earth by comets and asteroids may be more common than supposed. Canadian scientists have found evidence that the planet was hit by two huge objects 34 million years ago.



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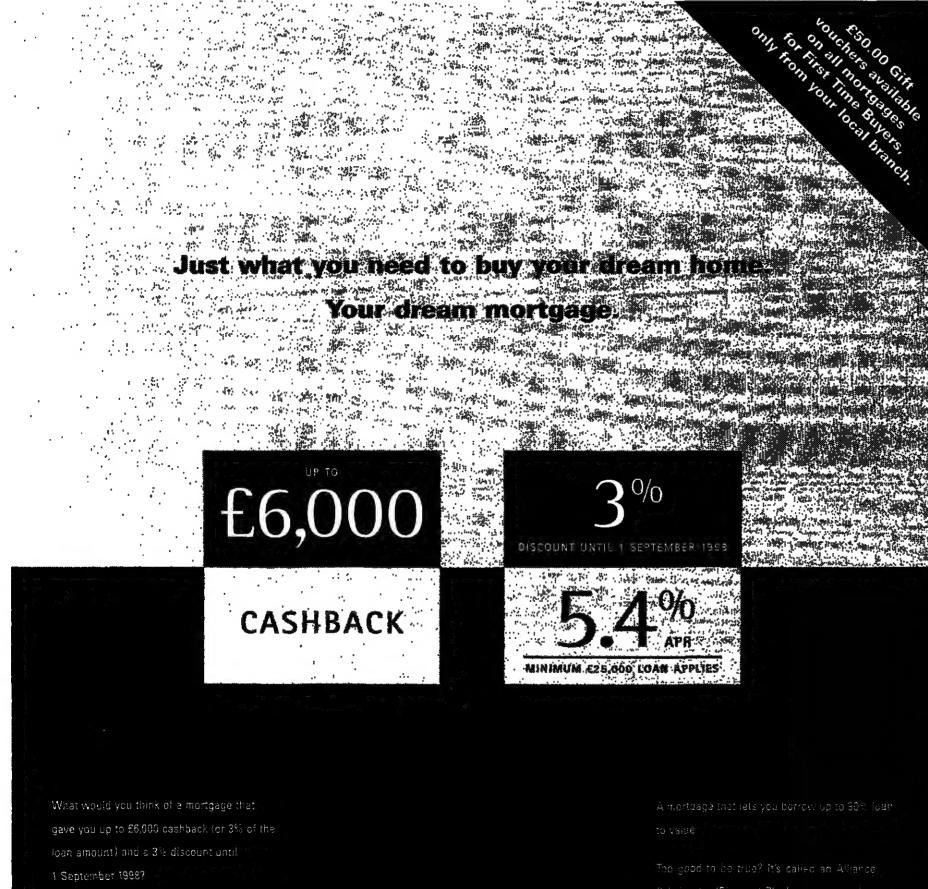
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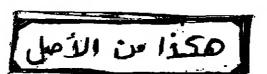
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Judges urge reform in gays' rights on housing

after a man who lived with his homosexual partner for al-most 20 years lost his battle for the same tenancy succession

The Court of Appeal ruled by two to one that Martin Fitzpatrick, 47, could not succeed to his partner's tenancy because the law does not recognise the rights of same-

But Lords Justices Waite, But Lords Justices Waite, Roch and Ward called for Parliament to legislate con-cerning the rights of gay men and lesbians. Lord Justice Waite said that the present law of succession as it related to tenancies protected under the Rent Acts was "arbitrary

and discriminatory".

"Few would support the potential for unfarrness involved in a law that gives automatic succession rights to wives (however faithless) and children (however feckless) and at the same time denies any hope of succession to friends, however devoted their

loyalty to the joint household." Mr Fitzpatrick, a former serviceman in the Royal Navy. said afterwards that he knew he could not win as the law stood, but claimed a vital moral victory. He said he would take his fight for the tenancy of the flat in west London he shared with John



Fitzpatrick: said he had

Thompson, a silversmith, until his death in 1994, to the

The court was told that the two men had a loving and monogamous relationship. They met in 1969 and lived in the flat from 1976. Mr Fitzpatrick looked after Mr Thompson for the last nine years of his life after he suffered irreversible brain damage from a fall downstairs.

Mr Thompson was the official tenant of the flat and after his death the landlords, the Sterling Housing Association Ltd. served Mr Freepatrick with notice to quit. Lord Justice Waite said

changes certainly had to be made if Parliament is to fulfil its function of reflecting the spirit of our times - in particular the spirit that recognises the value of all abiding relationships, the heterosex-ual, the lesbian, the gay — or even those which are not sexually based at all."

Lord Justice Roch, who also found against Mr Fitzpatrick, said he agreed that the terms of the Rent Act 1977 should be reconsidered with a view to bringing such cases within the protection of the Act.

Lord Justice Ward, who would have allowed Mr Fitzpatrick's appeal, said: There is no essential difference between a homosexual and a heterosexual couple and accordingly I would find that the appellant had lived with the deceased tenant as his husband or wife."

Peter Tatchell, of the gay rights group OutRagel, said: The Government should respond to the judges call for changes in the law by indicaring its commitment to legislate equal rights for gay tenants and their partners." Angela Mason, executive

director of Stonewall, the gay rights pressure group, said: Stonewall will now seek to abled to give Parliament the



Rescue for Brontes' withering heights

have inspired the setting of Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights is to be preserved after decades of neglect (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Top Withens is today crumbling stone shell high on a desolate hillside above the Bronte family home at Haworth Parsonage, near Keigh-ley, west Yorkshire. But 150 years ago it was regularly visited by the Brontes during their excursions on the moors. Yorkshire Water, on whose land the building stands, is to spend £20,000 stabilising the surviving masonry but will

not restore the building. Yes-

terday in the Commons, Ann Cryer, Labour MP for Keigh-



The farmhouse, in its heyday, provided inspiration for Emily Brontë's only novel

be listed. It was listed in 1974 after a campaign by her late busband, Bob Cryer MP, but was delisted in 1992,

Mrs Cryer said: "I have campaigned with the Bronte Society for a number of years

protect the building. I am delighted by this promise to spend money on the site, but I

want Yorkshire Water to car-

Yorkshire Water has been criticised in recent years for not caring for the landmark, which is visited by thousands of Bronte enthusiasts each

Bob Baxter, Yorkshire Water's conservation and recreation officer, said: "It is partly due to the gradual erosion of the farmhouse by inquisitive literary enthusiasts and partly due to exposure to the elements that Yorkshire Water has decided to take this action.

"Many people felt it would be wrong to try to recreate Top Withens in its entirety as the farmhouse would lose its ambience and mystique."

Sightseers may end up in the workhouse

By JOHN YOUNG

ONE of the earliest surviving workhouses in Britain has been acquired by the National Trust as an historic social opened to the public after

Thurgarton workhouse, in Southwell, Nottinghamshire, was formerly owned by the county council, and has suffered more than 20 years of neglect. Despite being listed Grade II*, it, was under threat

of redevelopment. Built in 1824, it became a model for workhouse design and featured in a report that led to the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834, removing reponsibility for poverty relief from local authorities and

vested it in unions run by an elected Board of Guardians. Workhouses were established to keep the destitute off the streets and, it was hoped, save them from a life of crime. Paupers, vagrants, the mentally and physically disabled.

exchange for menial tasks. Christopher Pennell, the trust's East Midlands director. said: "The building has an unrivalled potential to teach us about the past." The Trust is seeking funds for restoration, including a new roof.

foundlings, and orphans were accommodated and fed in

Bed firm sues over escort agency listing

A BED company is suing Thomson's Directories after its local phone book entry appeared under the heading for escort agencies: The Black-pool family firm of Howarth Beds was listed as Howling

Brian Howarth, 45, said: We have had to cope with a great deal of ridicule. We have been bombarded with timewasting phone calls, many of an indecent nature. I have had people coming into the shop and asking me. Where is the

satisfactory conclusion but it issuing a writ is the only way

forward. We need to clear our family name and our standing in business. Thomson offered us a free advert next year but that is not enough."

The firm is run by Cyril Howarth, 67, his wife, Mary, 66, and Brian, their son. The error in the 1997-98 edition comes after years of having a correct listing in the Thomson's Local directory.

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Dewar to reveal spoils of Cabinet battle

THEWHITEHALE REVOLUTION The Scottish Office In a series of articles, Times writers are examining the new Government's efforts to bring a fresh approach to Whitehall

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Scots have been waiting 300 years for their own parlia-ment and today they will find out how far Tony Blair's Government is prepared to go in allowing them a say in managing their own affairs. and at at what cost.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, will publish the White Paper on devolution for Scotland, outlining plans for a single-chamber parliament based in Edinburgh with 129 members, partly elected by proportional representation. The Government hopes to have it set up by the turn of the

If all goes according to Labour's plans, this gathering of men and women will determine the future of the National Health Service in Scotland as well as the education system, the criminal justice system

and policies for transport housing, employment, rural affairs and tourism. The Scottish parliament will also be able to raise income taxes by up to 3p in the pound to pay for special projects. But today interest will be focused not

so much on what is in the White Paper as on what has been left out. How much control will Mr Dewar have The Scottish Secretary is a

man much given to understatement. Despite being one of the finest wits in the Commons, he rarely cracks a smile. In Glaswegian parlance he has "a face like a nippy sweetie" and for the past three months his lugubrious style, in sharp contest to his predecessor, Michael Forsyth, has been driving mandarins at the Scottish Office quietly mad.

For weeks Robert Gordon, head of the Constitution Unit. and his team were in despair. Mr Dewar's grim countenance and terse reports on

Cabinet committee battles over the details of the White Paper suggested he was losing ground to his arch-emeny on devolution. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary.

It was only when minutes of the meeting were circulated that they realised that Mr Dewar was holding his own and more. They were not used to a political master hiding his light under a bushel.

As today's White Paper will reveal. Mr Dewar has successfully argued against reducing the number of Scottish MPs at Westminister and, for the time being, there will be no cut in the £14.5 billion budget allocated to Scotland. These were the two key fears played on by the outgoing Mr Forsyth be-

6 In Glaswegian parlance Donald Dewar has a face like a nippy sweetie 9

fore the general election. Mr Dewar, however, has lost the abortion argument. Medical ethics will be dictated by Westminster and the draft White Paper drawn up by the Scottish Office was rewritten in London because it was "too braveheartish". The Union will feature more strongly in the version published today.

Mr Dewar has even learnt a thing or two from Mr Forsyth. The date of the referendum. II September, is the 700th anniversary of William Wallace's great victory over the English at the Battle of Stirling Bridge. An international architectural parliament building

another Forsythian touch But despite the fact that he is presiding over the biggest constitutional change for Scotland's in 300 years, and is in Scottish history if he succeeds in creating the parlia-ment, Mr Dewar has suffered in comparisions with his predecessor. He has a brighter and more able team of ministers (all male) than Mr Forsyth had, but they have been accused of taking too leisurely an approach. "Scottish team

according to one headline. Mr Dewar is genuinely perplexed at this accusation. He has been working round the clock to get the White Paper ready and counters that the last Labour White Paper on home rule took three years

hits the ground crawling."

to draw up. His has taken three months. He practically caused a security alert at his London office in Dover House when he turned up demanding to be let in to work on a Sunday recently. His Sam to Ilpm days at his desk have been broken only to let the removal men take down his predecessor's choice of painting, a por-trait of the Old Pretender,

James Francis Edward Today he expects to be vindicated when he presents the White Paper at 3,30pm in the House of Commons. The key questions will involve the funding of the Scottish parliament and its tax-raising powers, its relations with Europe,

the role of a "Scottish Prime

Minister" and the future for the Scottish Office. As he arrives at Edinburgh Castle for a glittering recep-tion tonight. Mr Dewar will be hoping that he is seen by Scots as the new Wallace delivering freedom rather than the new

Magnus Linklater, page 20

The Scottish Office

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HENRY MCLEISH Minister for Home Affairs and Devolution baller turned town planner. One of the first of Labour's big Scottish intake of 1987 to reach the front bench as spokesman on Scotland, then unemployment and transport. Won credit from Blair during the election as a party energiser and media manipulator.



Devolution: legislate for the first Scottish parliament in 300 years and

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Edinburgh. Mandarins favour site

to Glasgow, where many of them.

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Aged 59. Gangiy, lugubrious debating style and a licitor first elected in Scottish affairs. Was well regarded as Chief Whip, masks a dry sense of humour and a sharp brain. and has reputation as a workaholic who can win A right-wing factionalist with an elegant and Incisive

RRIAN WILSON: Aged 49. Educated, like the late John Smith, at Dunoon Grammar school. Firey Scot and former journalist. Established the West Highland Free Press, Anti-devolutionist in 1979, he ran the Labour "vote no" campaign. Scourge of the lairds, he is passionate about land reform.



MALCOLM CHISHOLINE finister for Local aged 48. Dour leftwinger and former teacher who persistently opposed the Maastricht Bill, Nominated Ken Livingstone as leader of the party in 1992 and has espoused social issues such as increased spending

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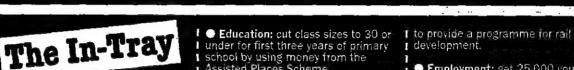
Campaigner for the creation of

Scotland's difficult peaks.

Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries aged 51. Principal and dean of the faculty of social sciences and law at Aberdeen University. Cut his political teeth on Aberdeen City Council and is now charged with guiding devolution legislation through the Lords







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Aged 61. Glaswegian mandarin

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Ministers favour site on the road | Transport: establish a new rail I authority combining functions of rail I franchiser and central government

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Councils to regain financial powers

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COUNCILS should get greater powers to raise more of the money that they spend under a review of local government finance, John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said

yesterday.
Mr Prescott told the annual conference of the Local Government Association in Manchester that council tax bands would also be reviewed. This could lead to better-off homeowners paying more in

council tax.
Although there are eight council tax bands, people who own houses in the top band (worth £320,000-plus) have to pay only three times as much council tax as those whose properties fall in the bottom

band (worth up to £40,000).

At present, the Government contributes about 80 per cent of the money spent by local authorities. Many in local government would like to see a move towards a 50-50 funding split, with councils taking back the authority to raise business rates.

Mr Prescott shared a platform with Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, who warned the country's Labour-dominated town halls that they could expect no extra money from central government. In a passionate speech intended to close the rift between central and local government that formed under successive Tory govern-ments, Mr Brown said: "Nearly 20 years of conflict between local and national government are now over — a new era of partnership has begun." But he told the 1,500 dele-

ates, gathered for the new association's first conference, that Labour had inherited an unforeseen £20 billion "hole" in public finances that needed to be plugged through wealth creation schemes. "Only by being honest about the state of public finances will we be able to plan for the future."

The Chancellor's speech received a mixed reception from town hall chiefs, who earlier heard Sir Jeremy Beecham. chairman of the association. capping and a removal of the many outdated and unnecessary restrictions on council decision makers.

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Blair shows his strength in portrait taken by Snowdon

TONY BLAIR joins a long and distinguished list today with the publication of his official portrait by the Earl of Snowdon.

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the Earl of Snowdon.

Eighty-six years after the first Labour Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, was captured for posterity and more than two centuries after Sir Joshua Reynolds painted the first Conservative Prime Minister, the Farl

of Bute, Mr Blair has entered history's political picture gallery.

The photograph shows an unsmiling Prime Minister whose face is partly in shadow. It is very similar to the one by Snowdon that was chosen for the front of Labour's election manifesto after voters complained that they had seen too much of Mr Blair's teeth.

Lord Snowdon said yesterday: "I did want to take a serious photograph of him and I thought it was the right thing to do . . . I just thought that if you look at his face, it's a very strong face and I think it's more interesting when he's concentrating."
He said it was hard to judge whether

Mr Blair had been comfortable in front of the camera. I don't think anybody is, or very few. I think to be photographed is not a terribly nice experience."

The picture was taken at Snowdon's gallery in Launceston Place, London, in a session lasting less than an hour.

Polly Newton on the latest addition to the historic picture gallery of political leadership

said. "He has got rather more impor-tant things to do but he went out of his

way to be helpful." Postcard-sized reproductions will be sent free to Blair admirers who write

requesting a picture.
Other political figures photographed by Snowdon include Harold Macmillan. Margaret Thatcher and, more recently, John Major.

Charles Saumarez Smith, director of the National Portrait Gallery and the

author of a new book about its collection, said that Mr Blair's choice of photographer was significant.

Going to Snowdon is the way to create a memorable image, one which has iconographic status, rather than just being a straightforward what the person looks like."

He said that the photograph released on Wednesday of William Hague, the Tory leader, was very



Distinguished line-up: Ramsay MacDonald, William Hague and the Earl of Bute are among those who have been captured for posterity

was conservative with a small 'c'. It looked like a very high-class studio portrait. We might well acquire it, but t is not the type of image which we

"It did look slightly like the type of image which appears in constituency rooms. It has a slightly Eastern European aspect to it."

The Hague picture, like those of his predecessors, is indeed likely to grace hundreds of Tory association walls although there will be a price to pay. A spokesman for Central Office said that larger versions would sell for about \$2

and smaller ones for 11. Former Prime Ministers have some times taken risks with their choice of artist. When Baroness Thatcher was at 10 Downing Street, she repeatedly refused to sit for Helmut Newton, who is bener known for his controversial images of semi-naked women than his portraits of politicians. He finally persuaded her after she had left office. The huge, dramatic result hangs in the National Portrait Gallery.

Most if not all former Prime Ministers are represented in one form or another in the Palace of Westminster, although there is a ban on any picture or sculpture in the main building of anyone who has been dead for less than ten years. The idea is to give



The official portrait of Tony Blair. "It's a very strong face." Lord Snowdon said

Hague strategy is right but it won't be enough

day delivered a speech of which Tony Blair would have been proud, up to a point. Mr Hague's language, as well as his specific proposals, had many echoes of Mr. Blair's when he became Labour leader in 1994. However, Mr Hague's proposals on party organisation are a necessary condition for a Tory recovery, but far from a sufficient one. They omitted the other key element in the Blair strategy, the repositioning on policy.

Learning from Labour's successes is merely good sense. Labour took a long were its fault, not the electorate's John Smith's main weakness as leader was that he never told his party why it had lost. Mr Blair's main strength was to do so, and joit his party into making the

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necessary changes.
Like Mr Blair in 1994. Mr Hague did not disguise the scale of the Tory defeat on May I. His analysis was stark. honest. As he vividly remarked the party is "not much bigger than a large football club". He recognised how the party organises itself is crucial to its credibility. His ideas - creating a single party with a single constitution; establishing a national mem-bership which will have a voice not just in the election of. the leader but also in approving the party's policy platform for the election: a new disciplinary structure, and, most symbolic of all, on publishing major donors to the party and no longer accepting foreign donations — are all sensible, indeed overdue. This is not really democratic any more than Labour's new structure is. It increases the power of the national leadership which consults members and seeks their approval, but does not give them a detailed say in policymaking. There are also loose ends about what is foreign and the financial pro-

posals anticipate likely government legislation.

But the Hague strategy is correct, and the party would be mad to reject it. I am sure they will not since like Marchael and the party would be mad to reject it. I am sure they will not, since, like Mr Blair, Mr Hague is offering his party no real choice in this

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autumn's ballot. He is cannily not only secking backing for his leadership but also for the principles of reform. That should enable him to push through the detailed proposals over the next year.

The bole in the Hague strategy is policy. It would, of course, he silly, as he recog-nised yesterday, for the Tories to start setting out their manifesto now, or even detailed policies. That is one of the advantages of opposition. But the party does have to define de in broad terr on Barope, on reform of the welfare state, the size of the public sector, the extension of choice in education. In contrast to Labour in opposition. Mr Hague said members should know they are free to think. I want us to have the courage and self-confidence to welcome diversity and debate. I want us to foster an atmosphere of intellectual liberty and renewal." We'll see.

n initial test is the front bench's reaction to government proposals. So far this has been mixed. By chance, just as Mr Hague was speaking. Stephen Dorrell was giving the Tory reply to the government statement on higher education. As some furious Labour leftwingers, Secretary and Labour deputy leader Lord Glenamara (Ted Short) argued, David Blun-kett is ending the post-war approach of student grants for all. This is inevitable given the rise in student numbers. A reelected Tory Government would have done much the same. But Mr Dorrell's response was carping and negative, in contrast to the more positive tone of a number of former Tory education

If the Tories are to look credible, they not only need to reorganise themselves along the lines Mr Hague suggested yesterday, they also have to sound convincing on policy. They do not remotely do so

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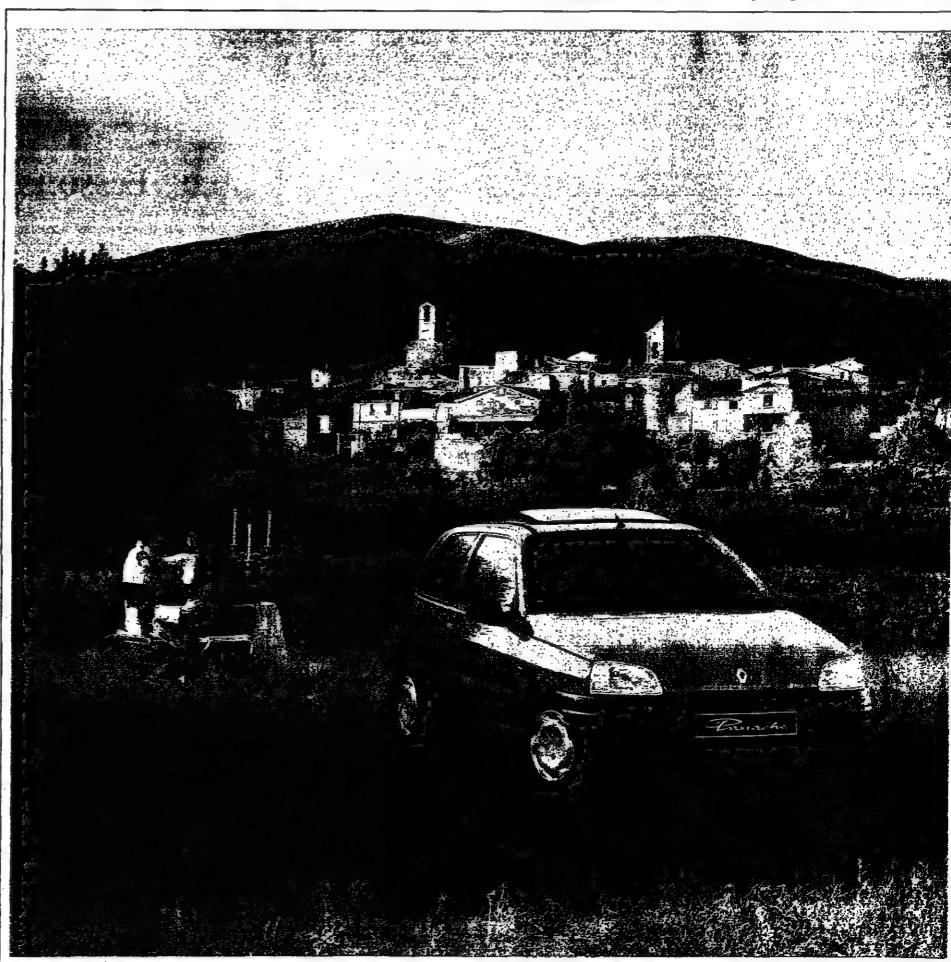
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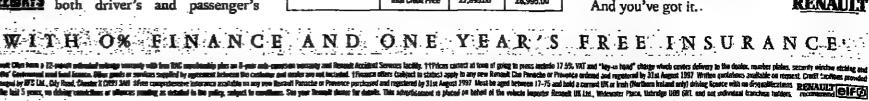
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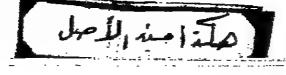
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Pay as you earn tuition to begin within 14 months

REPORTS BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

STUDENTS will face tuition fees for full-time university courses within 14 months. after yesterday's publication of the first major review of higher education in three decades.

Sir Ron Dearing, the Government's senior education adviser, issued a 1,700-page report calling for a new "compact" involving students, business and the Government to raise investment in universities and colleges. All would have to contribute more to preserve the world-class status of British higher education.

Universities would face a eash crisis unless they were assured of the money to be raised from new student fees. Sir Ron said in the report. Projected budget cuts would endanger the quality of teaching and research.

State funding for each student has declined by 40 per cent since 1976 and is planned to drop by another 6.5 per cent during the next two years. Vice-chancellors estimate that they face a funding shortfall of 13 billion by the end of the

Sir Ron found limited scope for further economies, "We have concluded that institutions should be able to manage a I per cent a year real

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Dearing yesterday: aim is to protect quality

dent over the next two years; a 6.5 per cent reduction would damage quality."

The review examined a series of options for graduate contributions. Sir Ron conceded that none of the four models he had considered in detail would meet the universities' short-term needs, but said all political parties had made it clear that no extra cash could be expected from taxation.

There can be no more money from the students because they haven't got any; we don't believe there should be more money from parents. The right option is contributions from graduates on an

said yesterday.

He acknowledged that many would see tuition fees as an unwelcome precedent. "To them I say there is a precedent for contribution to tuition fees in higher education. It is well established among 380,000 part-time and a further 370,000 postgraduate stu-dents, who already pay fees." The report proposed safe-

guards against any future ncrease in the 25 per cent contribution to course costs represented by fees of £1,000 a year. An independent review should be commissioned, and both Houses of Parliament be required to support an increase. Fees would be the same for all courses to protect the position of expensive subjects such as engineering.
Sir Ron said graduates

should make a contribution because a degree still offered a "very good return" in terms of earnings potential. "Our prooption would raise about El billion, approximately hall the extra income required in 30 years' time. Government should increase its contribution to make up the

rest as the economy grows." Details of the Government's preferred scheme, scrapping maintenance grants and means-testing lees, will be



The 1.700-page Dearing report sets out plans to raise El billion for higher education

higher education would be greater but refused to say when universities would begin to reap the benefits.

Under the Government's proposals, students from poor backgrounds would leave university with more debt than those from more affluent

But the Government scheme is likely to spread payments over 20 years, assuming graduates earn more than £10,000, instead of the ten years proposed by Sir Ron's committee.

The present level of parental contributions and zero interest rates for student loans will remain fixed under the Gov-

up to a maximum parental income of about £36,000. Extra loans will enable students to meet the costs.

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parents earn less than about

£18,000, with a sliding scale

David Blunkett, page 20 Leading article and

Universities told to regulate degree quality

THE Government will have to take direct control of higher education standards unless universities introduce re-

forms. Sir Ron Dearing said. His report puts the onus on the universities' newly-established " Quality Assurance Agency to produce clear "threshold standards" for degrees, a national system of external examiners, and codes of practice in every institution. The report sets a target date of 2000 for the first of the

The committee urges universities and colleges to "embrace vigorously the stand-ards agenda, which Sir Ron sees as the heart of his review. "New systems for the assur-ance of quality and standards must be in place and seen to be effective within a short space of time. If they are not, the Government will be justified in intervening to protect the interests of students." British higher education

has maintained its world standing despite doubling the number of students and having to make repeated economies, the report says. But the quality of degrees is variable. "Given the large increase in the number of students taking degrees over the last 20 years, and a marked increase in the proportion awarded first or upper second-class honours, many think that it is not plausible to say that standards have not declined."-the report says. "There is also a widely held view that stanSTANDARDS

dards are not uniform and cannot be in a mass system." Sir Ron expresses concern about the growing practice of franchising" teaching on university degrees to further education colleges. A small number of institutions have also fallen below acceptable standards in overseas opera-

The report says that further education colleges should concentrate on sub-degree programmes and there should be no growth in the number of degrees they offer. Franchise arrangements should comply with tougher criteria set by the quality agency by 2001.

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Teaching standards would be raised by a professional qualification overseen by a new Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education. Financial incentives would encourage universities to place more value on teaching skills. A poli of academics found that only 3 per cent thought good teaching was reflected in their pay structure, while 63 per cent thought it should be.

There is little encouragement for those who favour an lvy League of top universities with enhanced funding. The report says there should be no sudden changes in the structure of higher education, adding that institutions do not fit

Student places should be extended immediately Lessons taught by Scotland

THE expansion of higher education. which saw student numbers double in less than ten years, should restart immediately. Sir Ron Dearing recommended yesterday. But the main growth should come in one- and two-year courses.

Sir Ron's report suggests that demand for university and college places will continue to grow. He proposes that the present 30 per cent of young people going on to higher education should rise to about 45 per cent, a proportion already nearly reached in Scotland.

Business leaders and universities have urged renewed growth, citing the pressure of international competition. Britain lags behind the United States, Japan and education, although the three-year degree and relatively low drop-out rate

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ensure that the proportion of graduates in the population is among the world's

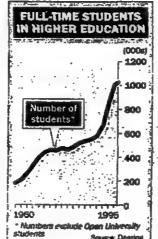
The expansion should focus on courses below degree level and on postgraduate programmes. The Government is urged to remove its cap on recruitment to sub-degree courses from September, and the limits on degree recruitment during the next two to three years. Extra funding should be given to institutions that can "demonstrate a commitment to widening participation' The committee has also published

Under Sir Ron's plans, further and

higher education would offer multiple entrance and exit points "with honour". Students would be encouraged to take certificate or diploma courses, which could lead to a degree or have currency in the employment market. Responding to calls from employers, Sir Ron recommends an increase in work experience, making it the norm for all students.

Within the 20-year timescale covered by the report, increasing use of information technology will lead to far more students taking courses from home or at work. In five years all students should have access to a networked computer provided by the university or college, the report suggests.

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SIR RON DEARING and his 16-strong inquiry team travelled the world in search of models for higher education and found one in Scotland.

.The qualities that Sir Ron was seeking for England, Wales and Northern Ireland greater breadth of education and higher levels of participation — are all in evidence north of the border. He considers it no coincidence that a greater respect for learning is also ingrained in .. the national culture.

A separate committee has

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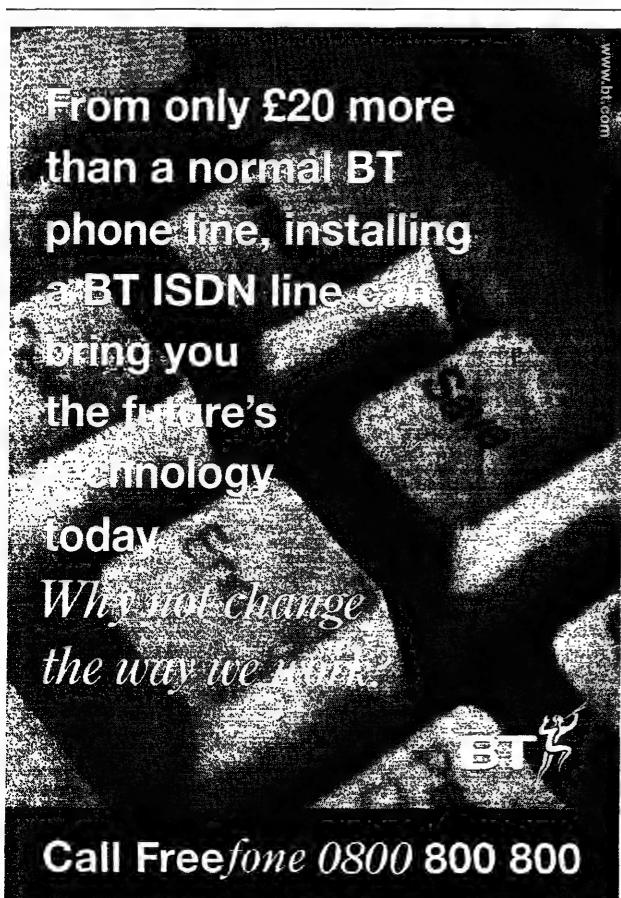
characteristic: the four-year degree. But the main report makes frequent references to the lessons to be learnt by the rest of Britain. Even Sir Ron's target of 45

per cent of young people in nigher education was taken directly from Scotland, where almost that percentage already stays in education becent. Better still, in Sir Ron's quality. icate or diploma courses, rath-

some of those who opt for university take ordinary degrees, rather than the longer honours course.

The parallel is not exact because most students north of the border go to university a year earlier than in England. but the first year of Scuttish degrees, which involves study ing general subjects, another attraction for Sir Ron. The fact that 95 per cent of Scots choose to study in their own country is seen as a equivalent is just over 30 per infurther indication of high

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SIMON WRIGHT is remarkably cheerful for a students' union offi-cial about to be accused of helping to bury the cherished principle of free higher education for all. As student representative on the Dearing Committee he had a unique responsi-bility and had to make the "toughest, most soul-searching decisions" of his life. Hardest of all was the question of funding.

are working class and from the valleys of South Wales, your prospects of going on to higher education are one eighth those of someone from a middle class family in the Home Counties. Taken as a whole, the recommendations will give Britain a system of higher education that will be the envy of the world, and which really will be open to all. In the end, he said, it boiled down to equality of opportunity: "If you do is to contribute something in

received from higher education. Across a lifetime, graduates' earnings are 11 to 14 per cent higher than their contemporaries ."

Mr Wright, 24, a students' union official with a degree in law and sociology from the University of Wales, Cardiff, was the youngest of the committee's 18 members by a considerable margin. If he felt intimidated by colleagues who included vice-chancellors and distinguished educationalists, he has not admitted it. The report occupied

than a year. He sat on three working groups, attended discussion meetings around the country and is satisfied that his views are accurately reflected. "Every recommendation and, in fact, every page of the report reflects the students'

view," he said. "At first it was a vertical learning curve but, although it was hard work, it was an incredible experience. I am someone who was given the opportunity to represent stutent and to some extent the country for a number of years to come, and I feel very privileged. I did the best job I could, which involved some of the toughest, most soul-searching decisions I have ever had to take."

It was the commince's strict remit to stay within government spending limits that dictated the direction it took on tuition fees. He said: "It was made clear right at the start that there would be no more money for higher education. My priority was to get the best possible deal for

comittee."

The son of teachers from Bristol and shortly to start a jub in London, Mr Wright is well prepared for the likely reaction from his student contemporaries. He said: 'The NUS has a clear policy on funding and I'm sure its views will be expressed loudly and clearly. But anyone taking the issue of funding on its own is missing the broader picture. The report contains 93 recommendations and they have to be seen in

The 'fixer' whose final deal may come unstuck

SIR RON DEARING resents the label of "fixer" he has acquired after a succession of educational rescue missions. Yesterday's report - his first and last for new political masters — is intended not only as a swansong, but as proof that he has vision.

As if to show that his review of higher education is different, Sir Ron's key recommendation on student grants has been rejected. The 66-year-old former civil servant will not be sorry to have some of the opprobrium lifted from his shoulders, but he is anxious that the issue should not obscure the wider agenda.

Academics still talk wistfully of the Robbins Report. which launched the higher education expansion of the 1900s. A more prescient gov-ernment would have repeated the exercise before the even steeper growth of the 1980s. The committee's room for manoeuvre was severely limit-

The danger for Sir Ron is that he will be remembered as the man who not only paved

Four fundamental purposes

of higher education are given

by the Dearing committee:

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The call for change in Sir Ron Dearing's swansong report risks being lost amid disapproval over tuition charges, says John O'Leary

Ron's legacy to future genera-

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free higher education, but who began to limit access to courses. Such a verdict would be cruel; for the committee had to sanction charges and has seen its carefully crafted compromise overturned.

The inquiry was established to justify charging for higher education and keep the matter out of the general election. Universities need up to £3 billion more by 2000, and no government would find that from the public purse.

But Sir Ron's report is about more than money: it starts from first principles and keeps them: in view through 1,700 pages of argument. His aim is to safeguard the quality of higher education, and bring recognition to the undervalued business of teaching.
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sities, and academic priorities have to match. New qualifications for lecturers, accredited external examiners and financial rewards for good teaching will not come cheaply. And agreement on "threshold stan-MISSION STATEMENT

> come casily. Without such changes, however, more may mean worse. As Sir Ron implies, some higher education is already poor and many students illuniversities are allowed to cherry-pick from the 93 recommendations, the decline could



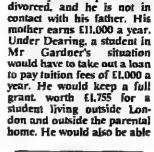
Gardner: debt fears "will deter mature students"

How the report affects three on the steps to higher learning

Jim Gardner, 26, has just graduated as a mature student from La Sainte Union College of Higher Education in Southampton with a 2:1 in Politics and American History (Mark Henderson writes). He owes £1,800 to the Student Loans Company, has a further £1.800 overdraft, and owes £300 to his mother. He had a full grant while at university, and borrowed and worked to make ends meet, including doing a part-time job during

Andrew Smith. 25, gradu-ated recently from Newcastle University with a 2:1 in English and religious education. He owes £2,000 to the Student Loans Company and has a £2,500 overdraft. He had a full grant and earned money during the holidays. His twin, Adrian, went through university at the same time. His mother cares full time for his elder sister, who has cerebral palsy, and his father is a civil servant earning £18,000. Under Dearing. Andrew Smith, of Prudhoe, Northumberland, would have taken out loan to pay tuition fees of £1,000 a year and in the next

D avid Tan, 20. has just finished his first year at Keble College, Oxford, where he is reading economics and management. He does not get a maintenance grant but he has taken out a student loan of £1.500 and he gets £3,000 a year from his parents to pay for rent, food and books. He also makes about £8,000 a year from a multimedia company he set up with three friends, for which he works in the bolidays. His manufacturine firm, carning about £50,000 a year. He has two older brothers and an elder sister who have all been



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Imperial College, London. Mr Tan's position would pay £1,000 in tuition fees because

(£1,290 if he lived at home). This would shrink to £1,230 (£945) in his final year. Under the Government's response to Dearing, the grant would be phased out and replaced by a loan worth £3.440. Mr Garner would avoid tuition fees because his family's residual income is less than £16,000. He forecast: "The thought of being in debt for years is going to deter many mature students, especially with children." also draw a loan worth £1.685

(£1,290 if living at home). This would shrink to £1,230 (£945) in his final year. Under the Government's response to Dearing, students from households with a residual income of more than £10,000, after housing costs, would pay some of their tuition fees under a sliding scale. As Mr Smith's household income is £18,000, the size of his parents' rent or mortgage would determine whether he contributed. His grant would disappear but he could claim a maintenance loan of £3,440 when the new scheme is fully operation-



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his family's residual income exceeds £34,000. He would not be affected by the phasing-out of grants, but might be forced to pay Oxford University top-up fees, possibly totalling £1,000, if the college fee that funds the unversity is cut as proposed. Mr Tan said he thought his parents would have picked up the tab for tuition fees. I would have taken out the loan to pay them as that works out cheap er, but my parents would he said. "What would really have made a diference is top up fees. That would have made me think twice."

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Berisha quits but vows to stay in Albanian politics

MORE than two weeks after his landslide defeat in the Albanian general election, President Berisha resigned yesterday.

In a letter to the new legislature, which was meeting for the first time, he announced his "irrevocable resignation" as head of state. but said he would continue to take part in parliamentary

His departure came as international pressure grew on him to accept the defeat of his Government by the opposition Socialist Party. The news was greeted with celebratory gunfire in Tirana and the southern port of Viore and neighbouring towns where the revolt against his Government

downfall on the fraudulent

pyramid schemes in which more than half the country invested and which left thousands destitute. Describing it, with some understatement, as a "negative phenomenon of

our governing". he accused former Communists of exploiting the issue and using it as a pretext to foment rebellion. With strong clan support from the north of Albania, Mr Berisha, 55, a former heart surgeon, made it clear that he

have a chance to weigh up the balance between the five years of democracy - meaning his own rule - and the five months of rebellion. His successor is expected to be Rexhep Mejdani, 52, the

118 of the parliament's 155

nia's market reforms. But his rule was marred by wide-spread accusations of fraud and his reliance on secret Three years ago, Albania had one of the highest growth

rates in Europe. But criminal organisations and mafia was not retiring from politics. He said Albanians would gangs flourished and corruption was widespread. The suspected links between some of the pyramid scheme bosses and the Democratic Party led to demonstrations after the organisers fled and thousands were left bankrupt. More than JO people were killed in neral secretary of the Socialsubsequent rioting and ist Party. The Socialists won

seats, leaving Mr Berisha's Democrats with only 24.

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Archives survive £5m Paris fire

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

VALUABLE collections of cinematic and architectural across the roof of the vast Chaillot Palace near the Eiffel Tower, causing an estimated £5 million damage, museum officials said yesterday.

The spectacular fire destroyed at least 43,000 sq ft of roof before it was finally early hours of yesterday by more than 200 firefighters from around Paris. Two firewere slightly injured battling the blaze.

The damaged wing of the white stone palace, which was undergoing renovation to the mof near where the fire broke out on Tuesday night, contains the Cinema Museum, housing 30,000 films as well and the Museum of Monuments, detailing the architectural history of France's most celebrated buildings.
Guy Cogeval, the museums

director, said that despite some water and smoke damage the impact on the collections was "relatively limited". initial evidence suggestedthe fire was accidental. A series of detonations heard when it started may have been

caused by acetylene lamps left

by workmen, exploding glass or by bottled chemicals in the museum lgniting, a spokesmen for the Paris fire department said.

The monuments museum includes plans and models of such important buildings as Notre Dame cathedral in Paris and the cathedral at Catherine Trautmann, the

Minister for Culture, suggest ed that the fire may have been accidentally started by workmen and had apparently been smouldering for several hours, explaining the scale of the blaze

"An investigation is under way. It appears there was soldering work being done during the day." Trautmann said.

About one hundred casts of Gothic religious sculptures from firefighters' hoses, and parts of the two collections were removed to safety yester day to avoid falling debris. By good luck, many of the more valuable pieces from the monuments collection had been rehoused in recent weeks, prior to a reorganisation of the museum.

"We feared there had been serious damage, but in the end the structure held togeth-

Gingrich move to quell rebellion

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH made a dramatic attempt to reasser his authority on Capitol Hill yesterday, deflecting the at-tacks of rebels who had attempted to topple him as House Speaker and insisting that he was still in charge.

Republicans at a closed

caucus meeting said he had. been cheered three or four times and given thunderous applause after a speech designed to unite a fractured party in the House of Mark Poley, a Florida con-

gressman, described the botched coup attempt as an embarrassment but said the party expected no immediate changes in leadership.
"Mr Gingrich outlined that he is the Speaker, that there is

he is it. We welcome him hack," Mr Foley said. Mr Gingrich thad already signalled that he wants no changes to the Republican hierarchy in the House, de-

spate concerns over Dick

a single line of authority and

Armey, the majority leader, Tom DeLay, the Republican whip, and John Boehner, the conference chairman, who are thought to have been behind the coup attempt. None of the men would

comment after yesterday's meeting; but they were experied to make statements at another session scheduled for last night. However, neither silence nor denials are likely to appease Gingrich loyalists who were calling for accounts of their part in the coup. They are always preaching

to us about teamwork and working together, and it's very apparent they have not been doing that themselves," said Ray LaHood, a Republican

congressman from Illinois.

Those close to Mr Gingrich believe internecine fighting will prevent any further challenge to his authority before deals are struck with the White House on a balanced budget plan. Aides said that might change after the August

Yeltsin challenged

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN opposition leaders said yesterday that they were confident they could over-ride President Yeltsin's veto of a controversial Bill aimed at limiting the activities of religious minorities in Russia Mr Yeltsin announced late

on Tuesday night that he would not sign the Bill despite overwhelming approval by both houses of parliament. He said it had been a difficult decision, "but many articles in the Bill infringe the basic rights and freedoms of

the citizen, establish inequality

of different confessions and

limited the rights of groups such as Baptists, Mormons and Pentacostalists Communist Party leaders in the state Duma said that his

contradict Russia's interna-

tional obligations." The Presi-

dent proposed a list of

amendments that would have

decision showed Russia's interests were being trampled underfoot by the West.

Good health: Mr Yelsin said yesterday that his heart holiday in central Russia, he said: "I feel well and I am having a good rest." (Reuter)

Red tape tripped up SAS in Bosnia

Legal delays and buck-passing let war crime suspects get away

DIPLOMATTC EDITOR

BRITISH forces in Bosnia came within minutes of seiz-ing three indicted war criminals last March, but the snatch operation was called off because insecure communications gave the game away.

A British army unit, with

SAS back-up; went into Prijedor on the morning of March 14 to arrest Simo Drijaca and Milan Kovacevic. the police chief and hospital director who were SAS targets two weeks ago. Drljaca, commandant of the notorious Omarska concentration camp, was killed in a shootout at the second arrest attempt. The team also had orders to arrest Milomir Stakic, the Mayor of Prijedor - who subsequently went to ground and was not picked up two weeks ago. The abortive operation in

March tipped off the three men that they were wanted, and put them on alert. According to sources who have spoken to The Times on condition of anonymity, this was why Drijaca was so quick to draw a gun and shoot as soon as the SAS approached. His bodyguards and Serb militia had cracked the communications codes used by three investigators from the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, who spent two days telephoning The Hague to overcome legal and bureaucratic delays.

From the start, the operation was hampered by the reluctance of the Stabilisation Force (Sfor) to go beyond the restricted conditions authorising troops to arrest warcrimes suspects. There was clear reluctance among the allies, especially by John Major's Government, to risk a shootout with armed Serb police and bodyguards. The operation was aborted days before Mr Major armounced the general election in Britain. It remained a secret until

details emerged yesterday. The cumbersome legal procedure also meant that it tookinternational tribunal to The Hague two days to issue the full indictments. These had to be smuggled from Croatia across the Bosnian border in a British Land Rover. at midnight to avoid falling into the hands of the Serb police. On two occasions a senior American prosecutor flew directly to Bosnia at an hour's notice to try to persuade the British commander to authorise the arrests.

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As a result of the failed snatch, British and American military planners made sure that they had top political authority and that all decisions could be executed within minutes during the second



attempt immediately after the Madrid Nato summit.

The March operation came after mounting political pressure, especially by the American Government, to start arresting war-crimes suspects. In January an investigation team, with a British military escort, began seeking evidence of atrocities in the British sector of Bosnia, visiting the site of the Omarska camp, ruined Muslim villages and places where corpses of civilians were being exhumed

6 It took the international tribunal in The Hague two days to issue the full indictments ?

from mass graves. The investigators were accompanied by a wedish lawver, two Swedish police and a British police officer. They toured round in Sfor patrol vehicles, and reguiarly went to Prijedor, looking for evidence against the three men. But the Bosnian Serbs were deeply suspicious: tipped off by the insecure telephone. network, armed Serbs appeared suddenly at most sites that the investigators visited.

By March II the team was ready to move against the three men. The question then was, who would make the arrests? Theoretically, this



Drljaca: quick to draw gun against the SAS

international police task force in Bosnia, but it declined. Lieutenant-General Roddy Cordy-Simpson, the British Sfor commander in Sarajevo, was sympathetic, but Major-General Webb Carter, commanding the British sector from Banja Luka, needed specific authorisation.

For most of the day urgent cables went back and forth, from The Hague to Banja Luka to the small military team escorting the investigators. Sfor demanded delivery of the full indictments because the full charges had to be made available immediateto defence lawyers. The bulky sheaf of papers could not be faxed. So eventually an official flew at midnight to Croatia, and on the motorway near the Bosnian border handed over the documents to the military escort ream in a marked Sfor patrol Land Rover. The papers were concealed in the seal. "D-Day" was planned for March 13. Surveillance opera-

tions had established that Drijaca went for coffee every morning at 10.30. But there was a delay. A lengthy chain of specific authorisations had to be agreed: from The Hague criminal tribunal to Nato headquarters, which in turn had to inform Sfor and also the authorities in Republika Srpska. Sfor again stalled. By the evening, the military es-cort spotted two suspects in Prijedor. Not till 2am did they get clearance to arrest them.

The plan called for military back-up. An SAS team stood by, ready to come in at five minutes' notice if trouble broke out. They had three Lynx Mk7 helicopters to bring in the forces and to whisk the suspects out of Bosnia as soon

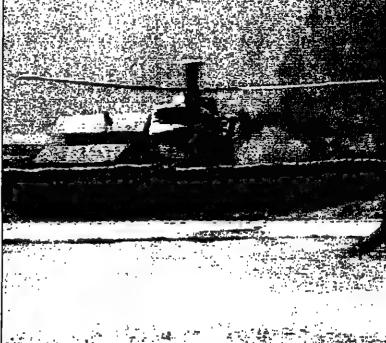
The final decisions were left to the small military escort. The priority was to avoid a shootout — and if trouble started, the investigators from The Hague were to be rushed out as fast as possible to Bania Luka. "Tango" was the call sign to bring in the SAS if nings went wrong

At the last minute, the plan was called off. The suspects were clearly alerted: they were troops and bodyguards. "It was too risky," a source told The Times. And if shooting started, the Serb troops would move immediately against the nearest Sfor base, only two minutes away. The SAS, investigators and military escort melted away. And so, when President Clinton and Tony Blair discussed a new snatch operation over a midnight beer in Madrid, they decided that the next time there would be no hold-ups, argument or political buck-passing.



The British escort team enters Prijedor on the morning of the proposed snatch as, below left, two troops wait at the roadside to receive





Serb aid warning

From Agence France-Presse IN BRUSSELS

TWO-DAY international donor conference on Bosnia opened here yesterday with a clear warning to the Serbs that they may be denied aid because of their failure to hand over indicted war-crime

Hans van den Broek, a European Commissioner and the conference chairman, emphasised that ald to parties who "oppose and frustrate" the goals of postwar reconciliation in Bosnia-Herzegovina "cannot be justified".

The European Union, which is co-chairing the conference with the World Bank, has suspended all nonhumanitarian aid to the Serb Republic in Bosnia on the ground that its leaders have

leader, Radovan Karadzic, to face war-crimes charges. The EU has said that reconstruction aid will not resume while war-crime suspects continue to dominate political and economic activity in Republika Srpska. Organisers of the conference bone to raise \$1.4 billion (£850 million) in aid to

stimulate the economy. Mr van den Broek said that he expected to receive indications from donors "for next year's needs totalling some

\$1.1 billion". Under the US-brokered Dayton peace accords which ended Bosnia's conflict in December 1995, the parties to the conflict pledged to hand International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for trial in The Hague.

Milosevic sworn in amid bitter protests

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BELGRADE

SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC was sworn in yesterday as President of the Yugoslav Federation after thousands of protesters bombarded his car with shoes and fought with police sent in to quash the demonstrations.

inaugurai speech in the federal parliament, he promised "peace, progress and prosperity" during his four-year term as head of the federation, comprising Serbia and tiny Montenegro.

True to his neo-communist style, he criticised independent media — whom he has been careful to keep under tight rein during his decade in as being under toreign "financial, political and moral influence". As he spoke, thousands of opponents gathered on the streets of Belgrade but police blockades prevented them reaching

However, more than 1,000 demonstrators, chanting "Red handits" - the battle cry of Mr Milosevic's opponents - did manage to reach a park just across from parliament. They bombarded his car with shoes and other improvised missiles as he left the building. The protest was called by the independent university students' union. At least two

people were arrested and one protester was injured as police clubbed demonstrators, an independent television station reported.

Up to 300 of his supporters, bussed in from Belgrade suburbs, were allowed on to the steps of parliament. They car ried his portraits and chanted: "Slobo, Slobo, Yugoslavia, Yugoslavia."

Presidential elections in Serbia to choose a successor to Mr Milosevic will be held on September 21. Mr Milosevic, who served as Serbia's President, was elected President of the Yugoslav Federation on July 15 in a vote which opposition parties said was illegal.

The federal presidency is largely ceremonial, but many believe Mr Milosevic will try to change the constitution to reflect the powers he has amassed as the most influential politician in Yugoslavia. ☐ Election call: The Monte negrin parliament has called presidential elections for October 5, almost three months before the mandate of Presi-

dent. Bulatovic expires. Mr Bulatovic, who enjoys Serbia's support, had wanted early parliamentary elections instead to resolve a rift with Milo Djukanovic, the Prime Minister. (Reuter)

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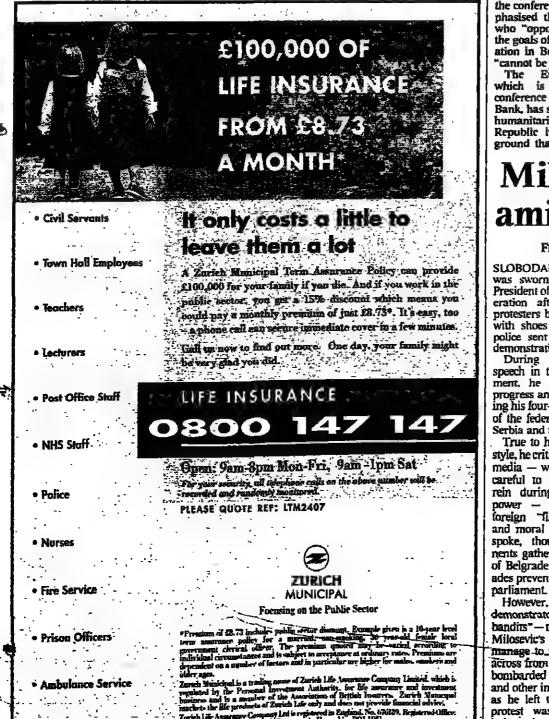
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Death row's cause célèbre marries on eve of execution

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A CONVICTED murderer in Virginia yesterday married a volunteer legal assistant hours before he was expected to be executed in one of the most contentious capital cases in the

state's history.
Joseph O'Dell and Lori Urs, the woman who has fought for four years to prove his innocence, held a short afternoon wedding ceremony in a room next to the death chamber at Greensville Correctional Centre where he was later expected to face a lethal injection last night (2am

Despite pleas for clemency from

last night preparing to carry out the sentence as defence lawyers made a final appeal to the Supreme Court.

After exchanging marriage vows, the couple were permitted a onehour meeting with no physical contact before O'Dell was led back to his cell on death row. There would be no conjugal rights and no further contact, a prison official said.

O'Dell was arrested after leaving bloodsoaked clothes at a girtfriend's

However, since his conviction for the 1985 rape and murder of Helen Schartner in Virginia, his supporters have questioned DNA testing in the case which suggested that blood on iacket belonged to Schartner.

and Mother Teresa, authorities were Despite having no ties to Italy, last night preparing to carry out the O'Dell has capitalised on Italian opposition to the death penalty, sending regular Internet messages to newspapers in Rome and Milan from his prison cell.

As a result, the case has become a cause célèbre, prompting both the Pope and Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, to intervene on his behalf. Delegations from the Italian parliament have been sent to Virginia to demand a stay of execution and the Vatican's television station continued to call for mercy yesterday.

Signor Prodi, during several re-cent meetings with President Clin-ton, is said to have avoided all talk of Nato expansion and Bosnia and

citizen of Palermo, the Sicilian capital, and authorities there have discussed the possibility of flying his body to the city on an Italian Air

Gail Lee, the victim's sister, said that the overwhelming support for O'Dell had been particularly hard

"By listening just to one side of the case, the Italians have in essence said to my family, You are worth-less, Helen's life didn't matter," Ms

Opponents of the death penalty in the United States have seized on the case as a further symbol of the : pitfalls inherent in the system of

commuted sentence. The convicted capital punishment. O'Dell is repre-prisoner has been made an honorary sented by lawyers and public relations agencies in Washington and New York and leading abolitionists have flocked to his cause.

Sister Helen Prejean, the author of Dead Man Walking, the best-selling book which was later made into a film starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, has became his spiritual adviser, while Clive Stafford Smith, a British lawyer based in Louisiana who specialises in contesting capital sentences, has also been called in to argue on his behalf.

It is quite clear to us that there are numerous discrepancies in this case and it highlights exactly the problems of having a death penalty," said



Graf

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FROM DEBORALI COLLCUTT

IN FRANKFURT STEFFI GRAF, the German tennis player, is the latest to join a growing number of Roman Catholics leaving the

Church to save on tax, according to media reports.

the faith for financial reasons. She is estimated to owe the Catholic Church £370,000 in

back tax from the £7.6 million

her father moved abroad ille-gally to avoid paying revenue

on earnings.
Peter Graf, 58, was convict-

ed of tax evasion in January

and is due to begin a 14-month

sentence at the end of this

month. Since his arrest two years ago, his daughter, 28, has been trying to negotiate a reduction in the debt to the

Members of the Catholic

and Evangelical Churches in

Germany have to pay be-tween 1.4 and 2.3 per cent of

their gross income in church tax. The rate depends on

salary. Those unemployed or receiving welfare benefit are

either exempt or make a

ed contribution

Church.

South German Radio said that the tennis star, who once had a private audience with the Pope, had decided to leave

Collapse of dyke forces Germans to flee

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUIT IN FRANKFURT

ONE of the sodden dykes holding back the torrential Germany finally burst yesterday, flooding low-lying villages and forcing residents to

evacuate their homes. Not everyone in the state of Brandenburg went quietly, and police had to forcibly remove about 50 people who had barricaded themselves inside their homes for fear of

More than 2,300 people had to be evacuated after the river breached the dyke after days of heavy rain, leading to rising flood waters pouring into the region on the German-Polish border. The 100-mile long dyke burst in two places after currents weakened the numerous sandbag defences that had kept the water at bay since last week. One of the breaches was 300ft long, Jürgen Dullass, a police spokesman, said.

One of the areas flooded was near the town of Aurith. about eight miles south of Frankfurt an der Oder, and Ratzdorf, from where 800 residents were evacuated early vesterday. About 40,000 livestrick animals were transported out of the region as cellars and low-lying streets in Frankfurt and surrounding villages were inundated.

In Frankfurt yesterday flood waters surged above the 1930 record level. Although the weather remained sunny. flood waters rose in several neighbouring villages and more rain is forecast for today.

More than 35,000 police, firefighters, soldiers and volunteers have been working around the clock to plug gaps in the dykes. So far they have been able to control the worst of the torrent in contrast to neighbouring Poland and the Czech Republic where 128 people have died and thousands of farmers face financial ruin in the worst floods this

President Kwasniewski visited the Polish side of the Oder sterday. He met Wolfs Pohl, the Mayor of Frankfurt an der Oder, on a bridge discuss rescue efforts.

In the Czech Republic, the Government has pledged to help those whose livelihoods have been ruined by the unseasonal heavy rains that have been battering the region for the past fortnight. Flood waters have damaged more than 12,000 homes in 500



Flood waters from the Oder pour through a broken dyke into eastern Germany where more than 2,000 people have been evacuated

towns and villages and cut road, rail and telecommunications as well as swamping

valuable crop land. In Germany, where Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, paid a visit to the stricken area this week, the Government pledged aid and low-interest loans to repair the flood dam-

age which, according to some insurers, will cost hundreds of millions of marks. The eventual cost will only be known when water levels subside. Offers of help for the victims have been pouring in from all

over Germany. In the worst-hit areas in Poland and the Czech Republic there is now a serious threat of diseases because many sewers have broken and flood waters are contaminated with rotting food and animal CHITTISSES.

A German firm in Saxony-Anhalt said it would deliver 105.000 gallons of mineral water to the Wroclaw region of

Transportation Efficiency Act

The site of America's first

public automated road has not

vet been chosen; nor has the

exact technology. The comput-

erisation of American driving

appears inevitable, however:

(also known as Ice Tea).

Poland today and hopes to be able to help out in the Czech Republic too.

Marek Sobczak, a flood crisis official in Poland, said the latest flood wave would soon reach the southwestern city of Opole and would probably later inundate the resi-

dential estate of Zacisze in.

Wrociaw, further north. But he said there would be no reneal of the earlier calamity that flooded Opole and much of Wroclaw in up to 6 ft of

"We should not expect another catastrophe on the same scale as early this month," Mr Sobczak said.

gative of local communities

Four years ago, the Klan

adopted Highway 65 near

Harrison, Arkansas, the nat-

ional headquarters of the

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Since then, eight roadside

signs recognising the group's

contribution have been re-

placed because of vandalism.

The tax is usually deducted at source and administered by the state, which charges the Church for the service. Registration, however, is organised by local parishes in association with the residents' registration office. Leaving the Church is relatively simple, involving filling in a form.

After that it is impossible to marry or be christened in church or attend regular ser-vices. Rejoining is more difficult and involves a personal interview with local

Steffi Graf said in an interview a few years ago that she was a firm believer, prayed regularly before important tournaments and often accompanied her father to their local church in Brühl, in south-western. Germany. where the Grafs have a family villa.

When 18, she was invited to the Vatican with her younger brother, Michael, for a private, half-hour andience with the Pope. At the time, she was unable to play tennis because 🥠 of an injury and was reported to have been encouraged by the Pope's words.

.Ten years on, she is again unable to compete in tourna ments because of a knee injury many fear could prevent her playing professiona iy again.

Since her father's tax evasion conviction her main sponsors, Opal BASP and Dunlop, have dropped her. A E4 million contract with Adidas runs out this year and will not be renewed.

US puts foot down for no-hands driving

FROM GILES WHITTELL

NO HANDS. No feet. Not even any eyes. On one of America's first stretches of fully automated highway, scheduled to open in 2002. human driver input is positively discouraged.

At a demonstration of the 7.6-mile stretch of interstate highway east of San Diego, a bus driver relinquished all control of his vehicle to an onboard computer and several thousand magnets embedded in the tarmac. The bus promptly swerved to avoid a traffic cone. Such are the wonders of 21st-century driving technology to which Congress hopes drivers will entrust their lives as congestion mounts and land for new road building runs out. The demonstration on a

two-lane expressway that was closed to non-computerised traffic leatured cars with



Hung Pham, of Honda USA, shows off his hands-free driving technique

radar sensors and rear-view video cameras, and magnetic "nails" at 4ft intervals on each side of each lane. Using a navigation system developed Honda, the vehicles checked their position in relation to the magnets and each other every few seconds. It was, one engineer involved said proudly, "really dull, fix really exciting for about the first 15 seconds, then it's like driving with a chauffeur". Nohands driving on automated highways will allow cars to move faster, safer and more economically than the current

system of relying on weary and irritable humans, according to the National Automated Highway System Consortium. The consortium, which includes General Motors and several universities among its members, won a \$200 million (£119 millon) government re-

while the know-how exists to drive long lines of cars fast and safely only a few feet apart, studies show that 90 per cent of American road accidents are caused by human Equipping a road with magnets and radar reflectors can cost as little as \$10,000 a

mile instead of the millions a mile of new road would cost, a consortium spokesman said. On-board computers and cameras will add hundreds of dollars to the price of a car. The environmental benefits of the new system are said to come from sitting in your fellow driver's slipstream.

States block Klan's plan to collect litter

By TOM RHODES

A GROWING number of states are taking legal action to-prevent the Ku Klux Klan from taking part in a nation-wide anti-litter programme. The Adopt-a-Highway pro-

gramme, started ten years ago in Texas, has been a useful means by which local authorities in America can save money. Members are required to pick up rubbish along their adopted stretch of road while the state, in turn, provides litter bags and orange safety vests to volunteers.

But now Klan members in Florida are threatening to sue the state if they are unable to "adopt" a stretch of motorway near Deltona, while officials in Missouri and Texas have taken cases to federal court to block the racist organisation from what is seen as a prero-

Although the states argue that the Klan sends entirely the wrong message and should be barred from the programme, the organisation argues it wants to be granted the same status as other civic

or fraternal groups: to be a part of the local community. Really, we're just like the Lions or the Elks. We want our good works to be visible," said Jeff Coleman, the Grand Wizand of the Royal Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida.



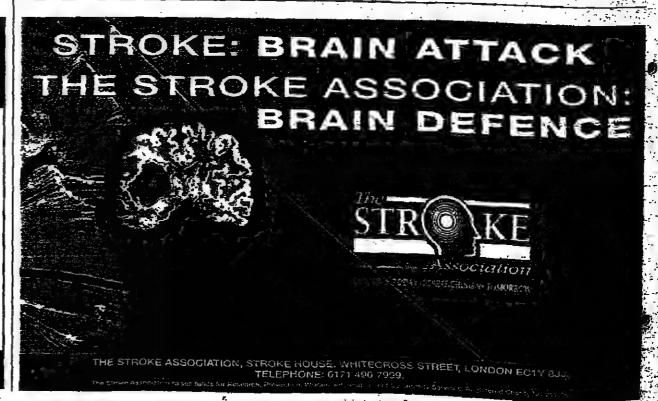
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Macpherson: nucle pictures stolen

Model in 'toy boy' claim

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ELLE MACPFIERSON, the Australian fashion model; is string the lawyer of a client accused of stealing nude pictures of her and threatening to publish them on the Internet.

The photographs were

taken from her Los Angeles home last month along with jewellery, cash and blank cheques. Two men, who later demanded \$60,000 (£36,500) for not publishing the pictures, were arrested by undercover police when they turned up at a rendezvous to collect the money. Michael Mischler, 29, and Ryan Holt, 26, have been charged with burglary and

Mr Mischler's lawyer has said his client cannot be guilty of burglary as he claims he was an invited guest of Ms Macpherson on the night in question and that she treated him as

a "toy boy". Ms Macpherson denied ever meeting Mr Mischler and told a press conference on Tuesday that she is suing his lawyer, Law-rence Young, for defam-

Liberia warlord wins 'vote for peace' election

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent

CHARLES TAYLOR, the Liberian warlord, yesterday won through the ballot box the power he had tried to take by force. He received more than 70 per cent of the vote in an election aimed at ending seven years of civil war.

Mr Taylor, 49, who sparked the war when he invaded Liberia from neighbouring lvory Coast in December 1989. inherits a country on which he inflicted drug-using child soldiers. Liberia's war has cost 150,000 lives and forced more than half the 25 million population from their homes. But its most frightening legacy is the tens of thousands of young fighters whose trau-matic and bizarre war experiences have left many deeply

Human rights groups have given warnings that democracy in Liberia will have to be matched with intensive efforts to rehabilitate the child soldiers.

A West African peaceker ing force led by Nigerian troops fanned out across Libe-ria — sub-Saharan Africa's first independent nation. founded by freed American slaves in 1847 — to ensure that the polls were not disrupted.

About 500 electoral observers said yesterday that the elections had been "free and fair" although many illiterate voters needed help to fill out their bailor papers. The turn-600,000 of the 700,000 registered voters took part in what was seen as an election for

Mr Taylor's nearest rival,

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, won just over 9 per cent of the vote and after initially suggesting that the polls had been rigged. promised to mount a vigorous parliamentary opposition to his All Liberian Coalition

Party.

Mr Taylor's success was two factors, being ascribed to two factors. International observers said many Liberians feared that if he failed to win at the polls, he would return to war. He also won over supporters by issuing an apology to the nation for the war when he cast his ballot last Saturday. "Taylor came across as the only person who would be strong enough to unite the factions," one European diplomat said.

Ecomog, the West African peacekeeping force, will con-tinue to oversee the disarma-ment of Liberia's many factions as part of a peace agreement - the fourteenth since 1990 - which led to the polls, Foreign ald groups have



Taylor: received more

begun trying to reintegrate child soldiers into society, but as one commented yesterday: "It's difficult to maintain discipline in a classroom if half the kids are killers and have known absolute power."

Further signs of discord were reported by Liberia's vigorous press, which said that many members of the Krahn ethnic group in the former government army were worried that they would be purged after the victory of their former enemies.

Furthermore, al-Haji Kromah, a warlord who fought against Mr Taylor, claimed that there had been serious irregularities in the elections.

This was no election," said Mr Kromah, who was formerly an ally of Mr Taylor. "The elections that we see here are marred with numerous things: some very illogical, some directly offensive to the election proceedings. All combine to show that we are making a big mockery of democracy and this result is totally unacceptable," he said.

Bamako: The ruling Alliance for Democracy (Adema) in Mali swept elections which were boycoited by most opposition parties, the electoral

Based on returns from 50 of Mali's 55 electoral districts. Adema won 110 of the 147 legislative seats contested in the vote on Sunday, while moderate opposition parties won five, the national electoral commission said. Turnout was 12 per cent in Bamako, the capital, and 22 per cent elsewhere. (AFP)

commission announced.



Cyndi Lauper, whose hits include Girls Just Want to Have Fun. performing at New York's Radio City Music Hall. She told the audience she is expecting a boy

West's bid to cut child labour backfires

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

INTERNATIONAL efforts to save Indian children from toiling on carpet looms are disaster for the people they are meant to help.

The centuries-old handmade rug industry, providing vital income to some of the world's poorest people, is suffering because of well-intentioned but often misguided foreign intervention.

Indian rugs — as well as those from Pakistan and Nepal — are becoming stig-matised because of the belief that they are produced by every rug made in South Asia has an element of child labour in it, but most child weavers work for their parents on small family looms set into the mud floors of their village

There is little choice for poor children but to work: if they were not on looms they would be down mines, in glass or fireworks factories, at garage workshops, stone quarries and brick kilns, or producing bidis (thin cigarettes) and matches in danger-

The biggest impact on the carpet industry has come from a project called Rug-mark, under which carpets supposedly free of child labour are specially labelled. The scheme, relying on inspectors, is mainly to reassure Western buyers, but is nearly impossible to enforce.

Rugmark is backed by Unicef and a number of promi-

Mbeki 'rides gravy plane'

seemed to have subsided, it is, in fact the fifth poeeting, South Africa's political elite is sand what the ministers of being accused of upgrading —

Washington, where they will American counterparts, all of whom they last saw only five

chaired by Mr Mbeki and Mr Gore. But on closer inspection housing, water affairs, agriculture and labour, among

others, will be up to when the only major item on the agenda. is setting up a committee to deal with defence is anyone's Tuny Leon, the opposition Democratic Party leader, is furious: "I think there is a exorbitant functions. great tendency [in the Government) to fly overseas rather than tackle problems at home he said. "It adds

excitement to the job, no dered by South Africa's partipics that led several ministers

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

It was excitement engen-

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to the "gravy plane".

Opposition politicians have expressed outrage over next week's exodus of Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, ten Cabinet ministers, two deputies and more than 100 officials on a mass junket to be indulged by Al Gore, the Vice-President, and other

months ago.
The mass decampment is occasioned by what officials-called the fourth half-yearly meeting of the US-South Africa binational commission, co-

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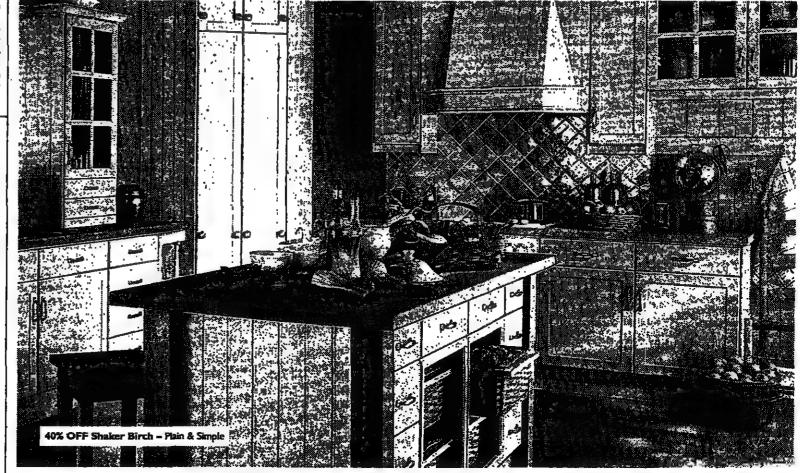
and their officials to swap briefcases for sun hats, and

The big pay packages and lucrative perks accorded to the new political elite prompted Archbishop Desmond Tutu to accuse senior politicians and others of stopping the gravy train "just long enough to get on it". Mr Mbeki has personally been linked to several

Clearly President Mandela's call for his colleagues to tighten their belts has been ignored. A conservative estimate of the travel and five-star hotel bills for the latest bigspending trip exceeds £250,000. Ministers will also have chauffeur-driven cars at their disposal.

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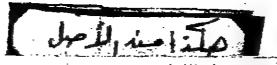
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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the benefits of wearing sports shoes; patterns of weight gain; life after the menopause; male infertility; and the risks of taking steroids

Trainers can keep your feet healthy

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pondent, newly appointed to London, was told by his news editor that he could determine all he needed to know about a male Briton's character and class by looking at his shoes

Now that Britain is becoming classless society his successors would find it difficult to label a man after a glance at his feet. Trainers are now universally accepted informal wear for younger people of both sexes and all backgrounds. In most traditional professions trainers would still be viewed with

disdain by senior colleagues at work, but they are accepted in advertising, television and any job where a uniform appearance is of less importance than

The best trainers provide varying levels of air cushioning in the sole, which protects joints from the repetitive jarring which can lead to arthritis. They offer support to the ankle but their flexible, airpermeable uppers also allow ventilation so that the skin

between the toes does not become soggy and a haven for fungi. The inside of trainers can be readily sprayed with a fungicide such as Daktarin, which keeps athlete's foot at bay.

The support a trainer offers to the three arches of the foot, as well as to the ankle, should reduce the incidence of one of the most tiresome of foot conditions - plantar fasciitis. The plantar fascia is a thick layer of fibrous connective rissue which lies beneath the skin and is attached to the heel bone at one end and, after running under the longitudinal arch of the sole of the foot, to the base of the toes at the other. In plantar fascilitis the fascia under the heel becomes inflamed and painful.

Dishan Singh, senior lecturer of the Foot and Ankle Unit of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. Stanmore, west London, together with John Angel, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the hospital, Professor George Bentley, also from Stammore, and Professor Saul Trevino, of Houston, Texas, have recently reviewed the diagnosis and treatment of plantar fasciitis in the British Medical

Doctors see so many cases of plantar fasciitis, the most common cause of heel pain, that they tend to assume that

everyone with a painful heel suffers from it. The condition can be confused with Reiter's Syndrome, a sexually transmitted complaint, ankylosing spondylitis, a stress fracture of the heel bone, an infection of the bone, damage to the nerves leading to the foot or, in older people, Pager's Disease or tumours.

A patient with plantar fasciitis will notice an increasingly severe pain under their heel bone. The pain is worst in the morning, so that when the sufferer gets out of bed he has to limp. Provided that he does not do anything too

become exercise fanatics, may succumb toit, as may those who put on a gross amount of weight and overstrain the

The most important aspect of treatment

of plantar fasciitis is avoidance. Weight

should be kept down and shoes should be

well fitted and the soles adequately

Once symptoms have developed, a

shaped insole, preferably not too hard, may help: this should be designed to maintain the inner longitudinal arch.

Some patients benefit from exercises to

stretch the Achilles tendon, and a splint

can be devised to keep it in a stretched

state throughout the night.
Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

are helpful as they relieve both pain and

inflammation. Injections of steroids with

or without a local anaesthetic is often

useful, but there is a potential hazard as

complex structure of the foot.

vigorous, the pain soon lessens. But it returns with a vengeance if he jogs, plays tennis or cricket, goes hiking or even walks too vigorously along the pavement. The authors of the report suggest that this morning pain is characteristic of plantar fascilitis, whereas other causes of heel pain do not get better once the patient is up and about. Similarly, if the pain

may be some other cause. Some people are at increased risk developing plantar fasciitis. Those who occasionally they can cause the fat usually live a sedentary life, but suddenly beneath the skin to shrivel and atrophy.

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The clue to

copy of the Italian magazine Oggi, tells me that Italian men greatly admire and are intrigued by Camilla Parker Bowles. Oggi makes a speciality of publishing below the belt photographs of the famous and this week has pictures of Mrs Parker Bowles and of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Mrs Parker Bowles looks athletic and muscular, if somewhat broad. On the other hand, although seemingly much slimmer, the Princess has been putting on weight around her lower abdomen. In the long term these different patterns of weight gain may be of great medical significance. Doctors are concerned as

to how and where weight is put on. There is overwhelming evidence to support the theory that if excess weight is carried centrally, characterised by the development of a heavy chest and abdomen while the limbs remain skinny, the patient has an increased risk ofdeveloping heart disease, hypertension and some forms of diabetes. This risk becomes much more apparent once the abdominal girth exceeds the

hip measurement. British research in 1995 suggested that men should aim to keep their waist easurements to under 37in. and women to under 312. More recently, Canadian doctors suggested this is too stringent, men's waists are sceptable at 40in and there is a corresponding increase for

A change for the better

t the time of the Roman Empire, the life expectancy of a woman was 23 years and it was not until the late 19th century that more than one-third of women in Britian lived long enough to reach the menopause. Now a girl born in Britain can expect to live to 78, including a 27year span after the meno-

Fortunately, treatments are available to alleviate the symptoms of ovarian failure and these provide the essential hormones lost to those women who defy nature by living beyond their fifth decade.

There have recently been several dramatic reports which have emphasised the disadvantages of hormonal replacement therapy (HRT), without stressing their enor-

There seemed to be no better way of verifying the facts about HRT than by consulting the second edition of Gynaecology, edited by Professor Robert Shaw, Mr Patrick Soutter and Professor Stuart Stanton, as the book is rapidly. becoming a standard reference work for doctors.

Gynaecology includes a fascinating account of the history of the menopause. The average age at which a woman's period stops has been around 50 since Roman times. Aristotle, writing in the

6th century, discovered that the age was then 50, 100 years later Paulus Aeginets came to the same conclugard in the 12th century and Gilbertus Angelicus in the 13th century. There has however

been some change in the past 700
They do not specuyears: official British figures show that the but others have suggested it average age of the menopause

Unlike the time of the start of menstruation, race, diet, poverty, weight and height do not affect the time of menopause. The average age of the

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exception — women who lived in the Islands off the north of Scotland had a later meno-pause than those anywhere else in the world. It is known that gynaecological surgery, in particuiar hysterectomy

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could result from damage to the ovarian blood supply.

Since Gynaecology went to press there has been a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association that alcohol, even in modest amounts,

increases oestrogen levels in women taking HRT but not, this particular survey showed. replacement. Previous studies have suggested that alcohol increases bestrogen levels in all women, so it is possible that the Scottish islanders' late menopeuse may not be so much related to Darwinian natural selection, but to the

availability of whisky.

In the long term, increased levels of cestrogen, from wherever they have been derived, mentia, genital and urethral atrophy, so that patients not only live longer but are happier and brighter. The disadvan-tages of HRT are that it & occasions an increase in the incidence of cancer of the breast and to a lesser/extent uterus, and that a proportion of patients find that mood swings before the monthly bleed when they are taking progestogens are unacceptable. Gynaecology is published by Churchill Livingston, price E115.

Why men need to be pampered

FARMERS have never had any doubts about the importance of looking after the sires on their farm The bull, boar and stallion were cosseted both physically and mentally. Doctors did not learn from their rural patients, and when discussing fertility usually assumed the cause rested with the woman.

In an increasing number of infertile partnerships, the state of the male sperm is responsible. The origins of the trouble have usually been thought to be physical, and when a low sperm coun is found questions are asked as to a possible history transmitted diseases, some forms of chronic cough and nasal congestion and other illnesses. The wearing of tight clothing working in very hot surroundings or even having too plump a mother with high-circulating oestrogen levels have also been blamed, as has the taking of drugs, whether medically prescribed such as steroids or socially such as tobacco and excessive alcohol. Spermatogenesis may also be influenced by trauma, whether surgical or from exposure to industrial chemicals. A recent edition of the

Journal of Andrology. however, reports that psychological stress can also affect the mortality of sperm and their ability to swim determinedly towards the ovum. particularly if it is the death of a close relative. It could be argued that men. like bulls, need to be well fed. and protected from injury. physical or mental.

ARTHUR and Victoria Me-Protection : Connell, of Abingdon in Oxfordskire, are campaigning for patients for greater awareness of the risk of contracting chickenpox on steroids

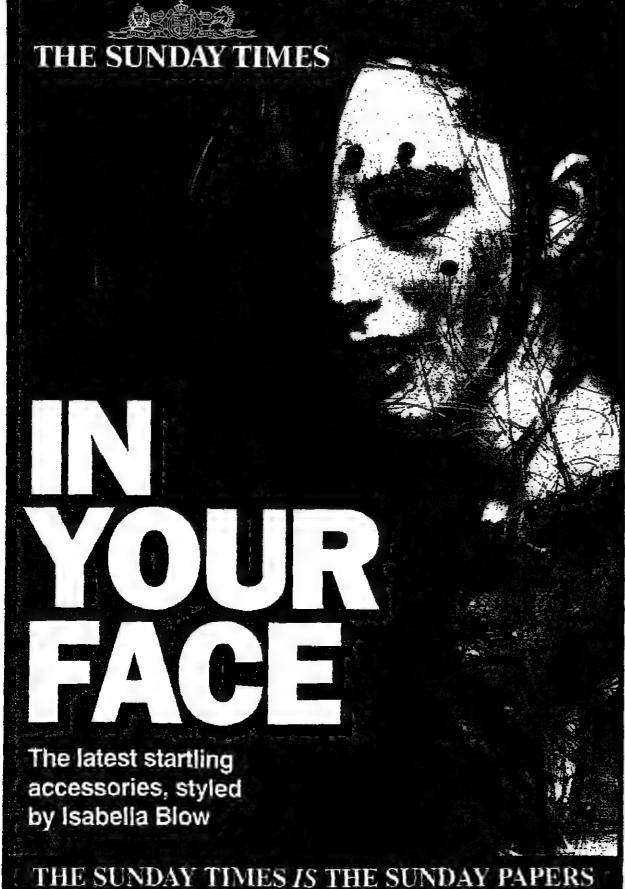
while taking steroids.
They claim that their daughter, Lexie, would never have died if they had been told of this possibly lethal combination, and if they had People who are known to be immune suppressed — which includes those on steroids— and therefore very vulnerable to chickenpore can be protected a case can be severe, but they to chickenpore can be protected are frequently life saving and ed by having sujections after their as represents one of the they have been of contact with great advances of medicine in a case. They should certainly a the past 40 years. known they would have taken precautions to keep Lexis away from anyone with the

see their doctors so that this may be done.

It would be a pity if Lexie's case was allowed to detract from the huge benefit that thousands of people with a wide range of diseases derive from steroid therapy. Steroid drugs cause well recognised side effects; which in occasional cases can be severe, but they

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Why second-hand is chic

been better for Britain's charity shops with demand for second-hand chic fast outstrip-

ping supply.
In the Nineties, the number of charity shops on our high streets has risen by two-thirds to more than 5,000 and turnover has doubled to almost E300 million a year, according to the market research company Mintel. "Every indica-tion is that second-hand clothes buying is growing fast among socio-economic ABs."

Oxfam saw sales increase by 5 per cent last year to £56 million, earning the charity a profit of £15 million. Such is the current level of business. there are plans now to import second-hand designer clothes from Europe.

To the ill-disguised irritation of the National Chamber; of Trade, which represents high-street chains, charity shops are given trading advantages. They get relief on business rates and do not have to pay income tax or VAT on donated goods.

The chamber's loss is the

bargain hunter's gain. All it. takes to create the cheapest of outfits is imagination and the time to sort through the prizes. When the rich and fashion-

able make mistakes, they do it in style. Imagine splashing out £3,000 on a Versace number and wearing it just once before realising that the colour didn't quite suit. Each dress on the charity shop rail tells a story of rejection: Kenzo, Lacroix, Dior, and Chanel bought and abandoned on a whim. Indeed, from SW3 to Cheltenham. from Harrogate to Edinburgh. and Oxford to Bath, yesterday's creations are being tossed aside in favour of

tomorrow's extravagance. Such profligacy has fuelled Britain's fastest-growing fashion phenomenon - charityshop chic. Bargain hunters scour the high-street rails now when once they would have recoiled from the stigma of wearing second-hand clothes. The dowdy frocks and duncoloured jackets have gone

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Thrift-shop threads are about making a fashion statement. Bill Frost reports on how the charity shop has become part of the culture of cool

and among those who used to bandy designer labels about, the fashionable names to mention are Sue Ryder, Oxfam and Barnardos. Thrift shops are the pastures new where a cast-off helps to create a

wealthier wardrobe. The model Iris Palmer, who

on their experiences, too. If you have on something slinky you bought from a charity shop, just stop and think what kind of sexy time they had wearing it." Anita Pallenberg, actress, partner of at least three Rollstruts the catwalks wearing. ing Stones and reformed junk-

clothes. "You are picking up



George Melly and Iris Palmer at the launch of Cheap Date

couture clothes, travels far and wide in her search for charityshop chic. Her happiest hunting ground is the Sue Ryder shop in Bourton-on-the-Water.

Gloucestershire.

Her latest prize — a slinky red top — cost less than £10, a fraction of the initial price. "I would imagine the original owner paid well over £200 for this and hardly wore it. As you can see, it is almost new."

Ms Palmer's mission is to "spread the word that thrift threads are part of the culture of cool". She has no qualms about wearing other people's

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ie, now has a new addiction: second-hand style. "It's a bit like taking drugs or drinking. I roam around and get off on the fact that I can find something cheap. Whenever I get that compulsion to make myself feel better, I go to the second-hand shop. The other day I went out at 2pm and at 5pm I was still in that shop. rummaging and talking. It's part of my thing."

When she was the companion of Jagger, Jones or Richards, Ms Pallenberg wore her designer labels once before consigning them to the wardrobe of history. Now she buys from the charity shop and then returns the frock.

Joan Kirk, manager of the Sue Ryder Foundation shop on Kings Road, is almost blasé about her stock. "We can offer a marvellous selection any day of the week - remember that the clothes we are given come from people in Chelsea and Belgravia, an amazing catchment area. They tend only to

Today I can show you a Jasper Conran skirt [£30, price new £300]; Yves Saint Laurent suede trousers [a fraction of

have been worn once and are

always dry cleaned before

the original cost]; an Aquascutum dress: a Cerruti man's suit: or an Armani man's suit." In Oxfam's shop in Kings Road, the tills are ringing as never belore as Dargain nunt ers ravage the rails. Pat Drever, one of the volunteer

counter staff, boasts an embarrassment of designer labels. "Kenzo, Katherine Hamnett, Nicole Farhi, Edina Ronay, Lagerfeld and Kurt Geiger shoes at £25 — the original purchaser paid ten times that amount. Let's see what else we have ... Boss suits for men, Hardie Amies,

Thomas Pink shirts. "Obviously prices vary — if you are talking a Bruce Oldfield ballgown, expect to pay about £300 — but every-thing has been dry cleaned we don't want any dirty

clothes in the shop.
"Designer labels do not hang around for long - there is a very rapid turnover and yet we are not the posh end of Kings Road — the shop is opposite a council estate. We get all sorts here, from Sloanes to people who don't appear to

have their bus fare." Charity style is not one of those London-only fads though, says Lady Ryder, whose foundation runs 573 "We have always aimed to look upmarket, even in the poorest areas. And people are incredibly gener-ous, we have hardly worn designer clothes on the rail all over the place besides the capital: Cheltenham, Harrogate, Aldeburgh and so on."

Cheap Date, a style magazine launched last month, is set to become the thrift chic bible. "If you love second-hand stuff, especially clothes, then this is for you," says the Editor, Kira Joliffe.

"What originally inspired us is the freedom that secondhand buying, or at least getting things cheap, can provide. It's a cliche, but you don't need a lot of money to look sexy. glamorous and cool. We all make some duff decisions, but at least they were cheap. And then there are the real triumphs - just look at this dress I'm wearing."

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shines in the basement gloom. Her "little red dress — Sue

Ryder, of course" - appears to

have been made to measure. "This isn't my favourite, though," she says. "I got this amazing Christian Dior green dress for £6 the other day. The

original owner paid £600. That's the excitement of the hunt — to find a real treasure that has a history. Who knows the fun that the woman who wore this before me may have had? You are wearing a piece of someone's life and that is really exciting. What's more vou have only paid a fraction Minnie Weisz, deputy art of the price and that's even editor and photographer, more exciting."

Lunch is not for wimps

Tunku Varadarajan gets New York food-phobes to rediscover their appetites

York and I'm a wicked, 💻 wily, tar-lunged, tannin-tongued, meat-eating, caffeine-quaffing subversive in a suit.

Let me explain. I was at lunch the other day. I won't say with whom, but the occasion was styled as a "working lunch". In New York, working lunches are frugal affairs, where people strive to interest each other in ideas, marketing plans, visions for the future, that sort of thing.

That, of course, is not my idea of lunch at all. Claret should always

come first (or, in America, a "Cally Cab Sauv"). Clarity 'I'm the first to can go to hell or to the next table. light up a i arrived at the restaurant a fag and few minutes

start to smoke'

me warmly, but showed no sign of calling for a wine list or beckoning a sommelier. In fact, they decanted water into my glass and hit me with that ghastly, virtuous smile born of drinking too much fizzy HaO and too little

late, to find my

scated, sipping

bottled water.

They greeted

already

hosts

Unable to bear the torment after a sip or two. I blurted out: "I'd like some wine please, if it's not against the rules." Host A. a clean-cut chap with a Kirk Douglas jaw, looked startled, his gaze spinning to meet the eyes of Host B. a frizzy-haired Bette Midler lookalike. "Oh, of course." he said, with slightly delayed graciousness.

There followed a startling metamorphosis. As the wine list came, and I studied it, a liberating breeze blew across our table. Kirk and Bette decided, "what the heck", they'd have some, too. looked at me with what I tyranny and took to be thankfulness, a new lease of life.

mucho gracias for leading them astray.

Next, we examined our menus. Grilled tunu salad for Kirk, Caesar salad for Bette, "I'll have a sirloin steak," I declared. "Medium rare." Once again, my choice appeared to free them from their cage of lettuce leaves. Purring in unison, they plumped for

the steak as well. My. my, I thought, what power I wield over these two repressed specimens of urban American life. But there was more. Come coffee time, both abandoned

plans to drink decaf and went for the hardcore stuff Again, I was the exemplar. Kirk and

Bette are New York archetypes - people bursting to be had and no one bursts more than the closet smoker. At ev ery party I've

been to, I'm always the first to pull the packet from the pocket, tap that evil cigarette out, and smoke. There is a gentle clearing of throats, some dirty looks and, occasionally, an open admonition.

Yet always, there are people who sidle up to me and say "Hey, psst ... got another cigarette?" Meet the closet smokers, who long to light up but never dare lest a holf of antismoking wrath smite them on the head, I always give them a fag or two and their reaction is akin to that of freed slaves towards a kindly master.

I have not been heatified yet. But there are now hundreds of New Yorkers who remember me in their prayers every night. For I have given them red meat and wine, and blessed them with my cigarettes. I have rescued them from

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is "to die for", says one female

onlooker at the Notting Hill

launch party for Cheap Date.

"This is a Forties dress, which

cost me £20. Originally, it cost

about £400. Goodness knows

what that is in today's prices

but that's what thrift chic is all

about - making a fashion

statement and buying a bar-

gain all at the same time.'

"Well not really," says Kira.

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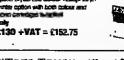
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The tough truths of Dearing

David Blunkett on economic

realities in further education

ducation is this Government's top priority. This is why we are prepared to take the difficult decisions to invest in our future. Since the early 1960s higher education in this country has changed beyond recognition. Thirty years ago, one in 20 young people entered higher education. Today, the figure is one in three. More than half of all students are mature students and just over a third are part-timers. At the same time, public funding per student has fallen by about 25 per cent over the past decade.

Our university system is in crisis. Our competitors in North America and the Far East have more young people going into higher education. Clearly the State should make its contribution and will continue to do so. But it is right, too, that the costs should be shared with those who benefit most, the graduates. The same level of funding for students today as existed in the 1970s would cost the taxpayer £4 billion more per year. If we were to expand access towards a participation rate of 40 per cent, approaching American and Canadian levels, it would cost us an extra £2 billion. Taken together, these de-

mands would add 3p to the basic rate of income tax.

The last Government capped the expansion of higher education and created the present mix of loans, grants and parental contributions.

tions. In doing so, they failed to address the financial implications.

However, the Conservatives, with all-party agreement, acknowledged there
was a problem and established the Dearing inquiry.
His solution and our preferred
option — which builds on it—
achieve the goals of maintaining quality, increasing access
and ensuring that no one is
denied entry to higher education because of their financial
circumstances. Our solution
reflects the graduate's earnings of the future, not the
circumstances of today's
student.

Everyone has accepted that the status quo is not an option. That is why we have agreed to decisive action.

The Dearing report yesterday recognised that we cannot afford to improve or expand higher education with present funding arrangements. It concluded that students should share both the investment and the advantages which can be gained from higher education.

For that reason the Government accepted Dearing's case for further expansion of access to higher education — and the role that further education can play in this. We welcome proposals for widening particpation, including the emphasis on those groups which are under-represented. It is always worth reminding ourselves that adults in further education and part-time students in higher education already pay an average of 25 per cent towards fees and receive virtually no maintenance support. Compared with other countries we offer full-time university students relatively generous financial support.

We have built on Dearing's proposals. Instead of a residual grant, students' living costs will be covered by a maintenance loan of the same value as the current grant and loan package. An additional loan will be available to students equivalent to the tuition fee. We will, however, ensure that

the poorest students do not

have to pay fees.

We are equally determined that there should be no upfront increase in parental contributions. Our response to Dearing ensures that fees and maintenance taken together do not place an increased burden on middle-income families. Purents at present are expected to contribute up to £2.000 for maintenance.

Top-up ruition fees by individual universities would reduce opportunities for many. They play no part in our process.

In order to lessen the impact of repayments in the early years, we believe that they should extend for up to 20 years, depending on the graduate's income, and should be set at an affordable starting point and within a manageable repayment schedule. That

de- will replace the current "mortgage-style" repayments with a fairer Costs must system.

those who benefit, the graduates of those who financial been only half that of those

been only half that of those with higher incomes over the past decade. We are equally determined that the quality and standard of teaching will be raised — and we will publish a White Paper on lifelong learning later this year bringing forward proposals in response to the wider Dearing recommendations.

ur plans will also include two other features. First, we will make available a supplementary hardship loan of £250 per year to those who need it. Second, e will consider ways of encouraging people to become teachers or doctors, with the possibility of government bursaries. Other employers will wish to examine similar schemes

schemes.

The decisions we took yesterday are tough but fair. Our proposals will mean more money for universities. The Government will ensure that savings are used to improve quality, standards and opportunity for all in further and higher education.

We have been prepared to take difficult decisions. These are proposals from a Government which is prepared to plan ahead for the next 20 years. We know that we cannot defer action to another generation.

generation.

Building on the Dearing report we will establish a higher education system that will be good for students, for parents, for the universities, for business and for the future of our nation.

The author is Education and Employment Secretary.



LEADER'S OFFICIAL PORTRAIT (EXCLUSIVE)

Back to 1066 and all that

s we approach the end of Labour's first hundred days, many commentators are still adopting the triumphalist mood of early May. That may be a mistake. Two issues have already emerged which could challenge the Government's standing. How this Parliament develops will largely depend on the way these issues work out they could decide the outcome of the next general election.

The first is economic. If one leaves aside the abortive Labour Governent of 1924, every Labour Government has been defeated on economic issues. Labour won the election of 1929 a few months before the Wall Street crash: the electoral catastrophe of 1931 eventually followed. In 1945 Labour won the postwar election; devaluation followed in 1949 and election defeat in 1951. Labour won at the top of the Maudling boom of 1964; devaluation came in 1967 and election defeat in 1970. Labour won in 1974 when the Heath-Barber boom was beginning to disintegrate; the IMF arrived in 1976, and election defeat followed in 1979.

Labour tends to be elected at or near the top of the business cycle, not because the electorate is suffering but because it is feeling confident enough to take the Labour risk. As the cycle turns down, the electorate comes to regret its choice; Labour is blamed for the downturn. So far, every Labour Government has seen unemplayment higher at the end of its term than it was at the beginning. The 1997 election fits this pattern only too well. If May I was not the actual top of this business cycle, it was within a few days of it: since the election there have already been three increases in interest rates.

Last Monday three independent economists told the Commons Treasury Select Committee that they thought there was a serious risk of recession next year. Gavyn Davies. the chief economist of Goldman Sachs, who is an adviser to Gordon Brown, said that the Bank of England is "risking overkill", though he is himself in favour of further interest rate increases. The Bank is almost certain to push interest rates too high. The first experiment in Bank independence cannot be allowed to fail, at least so far as the Bank is concerned. Success will be measured by the control of the inflationary pressures which undoubtedly exist. If there should be a mild recession in 1998. that will be success from the Bank's Labour initiated the first liquidation of empire; now the second has begun

William

point of view, but soft landings are not easy to achieve. The 3DM pound is already damaging British exports, and threatening jobs. By the middle of this Parliament

By the middle of this Parliament unemployment will probably again be on the rise. The overvaluation on Wall Street, and to a lesser extent of the London stock market, may well be followed by a sharp correction. The Conservatives will say: "We left Labour the strongest economy in 50 years, and Labour has ruined it." Labour could pay a high political price for any "overkill" by the Bank.

However the business cycle, or its

postwar equivalent after 1945, is the lesser of the two threats. Labour could certainly recover from a mild recession in 1998 and still win comfortably in 2001. The greater prob-

lem is "the question of England". Listening to the committee and report stage debates on the Referendum Bill in the House of Lords, I have been amazed by the insouciance with which the Government has been treating the English reaction to constitutional change.

In August 1947, the Attlee Govern-

ment gave india independence, subject to partition. It was a burcherly job, presided over with his usual reckless glamour by Mountbatten; it left India with the permanent problem of partition, created a divided Pakistan, which could not hold together, resulted in a million or more deaths in communal riots and marked the effective end of the British Empire. The liquidation took 50 years to complete with the handover of Hong Kong. The process was inevitable, and few parts of it were as badly mishandled as formation. in 1947, people only dimly foresaw that the whole empire would disappear, leaving only Bermuda and a few other islands. In 1956, Eden still fought the Suez campaign to preserve Britain's position in the Middle East; in the 1960s Wilson still wanted to stay "East of Suez". Even those who foresaw that the process would not come to an end before the complete liquidation of empire, assumed that it

would still leave an independent United Kingdom, preserving the Monarchy, the sovereignty of Parliament, and the unity of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. At the same time as the last major imperial territory has been handed over to China, this assumption of the survival of a core United Kingdom has been called into

Scotland is to be given a referendum on a parliament, and Wales on an assembly: the peace talks in Northern Ireland may lead to separation; the divorce and possible remarriage of the Prince of Wales has

brought into question the future of the
Monarchy and the
Church of England;
the House of Commons has sacrificed
much of its power to
Brussels, while the
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House of Lords is about to lose its hereditary peers. It took 50 years to liquidate the empire but it looks as if it might take only as many months to determine the liquidation of the United Kingdom.

The economic and social forces which undermine the nation state may now be so strong that the disintegration of the United Kingdom is as unavoidable as was the liquidation of the empire itself. Yet one cannot expect the English people to like it. One would have to go back before 1066 to reach a time when the English nation was as small, as isolated or as weak as it may shortly become. However this process may be judged as part of British history—and British history may be coming to an end—it is, at least potentially, a great catastrophe for the English. When they realise what is happening—if it does happen—they may be servented.

very angry.

I have recently been reading an excellent new book on contemporary Russia by Peter Truscott, who is a Labour Euro-MP and a member of the delegation for relations with the Russian Federation. He calls his book Russia First; his thesis is that the breakup of the Soviet Union has created a new Russian nationalism. That seems a natural reaction. If the

English find that the liquidation of empire has been followed by an unforeseen and rapid liquidation of the United Kingdoon itself, we can reasonably expect an "England First" reaction here. Indeed, such a reaction can already be seen in the Conservative Party, which now has no Member of Parliament elected from outside England, and therefore no non-English United Kingdom presence.

I am quite sympathetic to the new Labour Government, and had become distillusioned with the John Major Administration. Yet Tony Blair's Government, certainly as one sees it in the House of Lords, seems to have little sense of the scale of the constitutional problems. These are revolutionary issues. No one can be sure that the second liquidation will not be far more explosive than the

ne has to look at the bros range of possibilities in the near future. In ten years' time the United Kin may have survived or England might be separated from the other nations of the United Kingdom, though perhaps not from Wales, England may be just a province of Europe, or might have left the European Union. The House of Commons may be reduced to the role of a provincial assembly, or might have recovered its full sovereignty but over a much smaller country. The Queen may still be on the throne, or Prince Charles might be reigning with or without Queen Camilla, or he might have renounced the throne in favour of Prince William, or England might be a republic. The Church of England may have been disestab-lished. The House of Lords may have some hereditary peers, or none, or might have been democratised or even abolished. The character, constitution and identity of England may

have been wholly changed.

The Government — itself predominantly Scottish — does not yet realise how revolutionary these issues are for the English. Nor is it emotionally or historically prepared to deal with them. This is not a bad Government, but equally it is not yet a mature one. It is approaching one of the climactic points of English history more in the spirit of the young Ratigan than the old Shakespeare. Anyone for devolution? is not an adequate question, particularly when the English will never even be asked it.

A tale of two chambers

Magnus Linklater

asks: will Scots.

flee Westminster?

still do love the clubbable side," wrote Alan Clark in 1985. "The swinging studded Pugin doors which exclude those unentitled the abundance of facilities; the deeply comfortable leather chairs at the "Silent" end of the library, where one can have a sleep as deep and refreshing as under the eaves of the Chalet-Caroline. "Ah, the discreet charm of the House of Commons, the best club in London. The young Jeremy Thorpe loved the fact that you still had a hook to hang your sword on; the older Jo Grimond confessed that on a good day it was the most exciting place in the world to be.

place in the world to be.

But if power has been chopped from beneath your feet, is any of that enough to seduce a would-be back-bencher, however awesiruck? From oday the prospect becomes a harsh reality for any MP at Westminster who represents a Scottish constituency. The White Paper on Scottish devolution will go much further than the friendly prospectus for a Welsh assembly which we saw earlier this week It represents a real tilt of power from London to Edinburgh; the ability to frame legislation and raise taxes will make the new Parliament more than just a talking-shop. Most argument hitherto has been about the likely impact on English MPs. But the real losers will be the existing Scottish Members.

Once a Scottish Parliament is in

once a scousar Partiament is place, their ability to effect change where it really matters — in their local constituencies — will be all but abolished. Anything to do with hospitals, schools, social services, the law, bureaucracy, planning, will be removed from their sphere of influence. What will be the point of lobbying your Westminster MP if the minister whose ear he claims to have no longer has jurisdiction where it matters? Why bother to travel to London to campaign for legal change if the power to do so is in the Scottish capital? Your MP may still be able to join in debates on Britain's economic policy or foreign affairs. But are these the areas where his voice will make any significant difference? He will become an increasingly emasculated figure, for whom his local electorate mosts not even bother to turn out in

ringite not even bother to turn out in significant numbers.

The House of Lords is a good example of this potential power, vacuum. The new Scomsh Parliatement will (to begin with at any rate) haveino upper chamber. There are no plans for a revising body, and the Lords will thus lose the ability to amend or correct Scottish legislation. For Scottish peers this is a major constitutional dilemma — it leaves them, after all, with not a lot to do. Some of them believe there will have to be some substitute; a "House of Lairds" has been mooted, drawing on the Scottish great and good. "I don't see how the Scottish Parliament can revise itself," says Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, a former Scottish Office minister. But, for the moment at least, that is the way it will be

This shift in the balance of power should go a long way inwards answering what has so far been seen as the Robin Cook question. This asks whether the foreign Secretary, as an example of a Cabinet minister representing a Scotish constituency, would be prepared to give up his Commons seat and sit in a Scotish Parliament. In fact, Mr Cook is not a good example. His present post will continue to have direct relevance for Scotland, whether arguing for the sales of beef in Brussels, or altering the terms of Catt in Washington. He is better placed than most to represent the interests of his country.

More relevant might be the case, say, of Helen Liddell, her foot firmly

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on the first rung of ministerial promotion at the Treasury Would the Economic Secretary trade the Commons dispatch box for the uncertainty of an Edinburgh Parliament? Or take even that great Westminster democrat, Mr Tam Dalyell. If, despite his very best endeavours, a Scottish Parliament were finally to be introduced, would he still feel he was fulfilling his duties as an MP if he could no longer raise with the minister the state of the waiting lists at Linlithgow hospital? My own view is that, far from being a drawback, this is a positive advantage. For a Scottish Parliament to succeed, it needs the best and the brightest, and they will only be drawn to a forum where they can exercise real power. If that is Edinburgh rather than Westminster, so much the better. But there could be another solution — the right to

represent a constituency, both in Westminster and in Scotland; dual membership, in other words, for at least a proportion of Scotlish MPs.

The matter will not, I imagine, be addressed in the White Paper, It has been rolled out by the Labour Party But it has a certain logic to it, and over a longer period may well be seen to have merit—it might be at least half the answer to the West Lothian question.

question.

Like so many of the more pressing issues which will finally be enjoyed today, this one will not be resolved immediately. Sooner or later, however, it will have to be addressed. The deep deep peace of the Commons library is no substitute for the murly-

burly of political power.

House hunt

WITH the announcement of Phil Lader as the next American Ambassador to London, staff at the embassy are cranking up their search for a house for him when he arrives. Bruchures have been ordered and friends consulted about finding a suitable place.

Previous Ambassadors have lived in Winfield House, in Regent's Park, built by the Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton in 1936 and given to America for use by its envoys. It needs an overhaul, however, so Lader must dump his kit-bag elsewhere for a while.



Closing: Winfield House

The embassy is not ruling out putting him in Brixton. Clapham. even Battersea, but is adamant about one particular address: Kensington Palace Gardens, home to the French and Russian Ambassa-

certainly not be renting anywhere near the other residences—the US does not believe in spending that sort of money," said their press officer. A dignified town house with a decent garden in St John's Wood would be ideal.

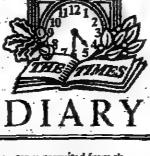
The last American Ambassador

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the last American Ambassador to arrive when Winfield House was being done-up was Walter Arnenberg in 1969. Though he went on to become hugely popular, when he presented his credentials to the Queen in Iront of television cameras his grammar fell to pieces. He said he would be moving into his embassy "subject, of course, to some of the discomfiture as a result of a need for, uh, elements of refurbishment and rehabilitation". Lader, a close friend of Clinton, can be relied upon for a snappler soundbite.

Salad days

BEFORE he set about rebuilding the creaking structures of the Conservative Party yesterday. William Hague will have checked his notes from his last big reorganisational effort. In 1988, he was one of a four-



man team recruited from the management consultants McKinsey to launch the Campaign for Oxford to raise funds for the university. "He was extremely easy to get along with," says Dr Henry Drucker, director of the Campaign for Oxford at the time. "But every time he left the room, his colleagues would say 'that guy is going to be a Conservative Prime Minister one day." Apart from the nauseating remarks. Hague wrote the campaign's mission statement and was regarded as a success. To date, the campaign has raised 5342 million. the sort of small-change the Tories

● There may be an answer to the Tories' conundrum of whether or not to put Michael Heseltine. MP for Henley, up for a peeroge. John Major is keen to have him honoured for an immense perfor-

mance in the last months of the Tory Government, yet promoting him to the Lords would precipitate a by-election which the Tories could do without for a year or two. What about a knighthood, then? This would please Heseltine's wife. Anne, who would become a Lady, while Sir Michael, knight of the shires, could wait for a more convenient time to more upstairs.

Over and out

FOLLOWING news of the abolition of the annual cricket match be-



T're finally worked out how to play Warne

tween Radley and Marthorough, fears are growing for an even more hallowed institution: the Eton-Harrow clash at Lords. This year the match was held after term was over and for the first time not a ball, was bowled, due to rain.

Attendance figures are desperately low and parents no longer buy up the corporate boxes, but it

buy up the corporate boxes, but it may be Lords' crowded fixture-list which finally kills it off. John Jamieson, assistant secretary of cricket at Lord's, is worried. "Shorter terms and school exams make it very difficult to fit it in at the height of the season," he explains. He will do his best to fit next year's encounter in once the Test dates are available, but after that the match may have to be played at the schools themselves...

Denied entry to the Cave du Rainightclub in St Tropez recently was the British singer. George Michael. On introducing himself to the bouncer. Michael was told: "I remember you from the 30s. You're just going to have to wait until you're a name again." The bouncer looked very pleased with his

Saints alive

THERE will be an all-star cierical line-up at St Paul



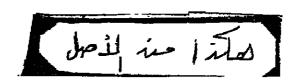
Purple patch: Mary Loudon

Church, in Wantage, on the Saturday after next for the wedding of Mary Loudon, 30, author of Revelations: The Clergy Questioned, and Andrew St George, 35, another writer. The Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, the former Bishop of Birmingham, will conduct the service, while Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will be giving the address; decked out in trock-coar and gaiters.

There is no risk of the dog-collars

There is no risk of the dog-collars putting a dampener on the reception. "Hugh and Robert are a very ribald pair," says Loadon; "so Prohoping for plenty of bad behav-

P.H.





PRICE OF KNOWLEDGE

A way forward to higher and higher education

BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE

Hague offers organisation first, philosophy later

Sir Ron Dearing has produced an admirable report and David Blunkett has shown real courage in extending its reach. In his immense and impressive tome, Sir Ron has offered a fine analysis of the challenges that face higher education in this country. In his response yesterday the Secretary of State caught the spirit of necessary change, showing a clear acceptance that the status quo is not an option, that the present level of funding means ever declining standards and that radical action is required.

The problems are manifold. New degrees have been introduced without reference to their standing in the outside world. While this may have been an interesting experience for those who devised the curriculums, they have been less rewarding for those who sat the courses. External examination arrangements have also left much to be desired and require closer scrutiny. If universities aspire to increased resources then they should be obliged to provide better value for them. That was the central and much needed message offered yesterday.

The inevitable interest in the question of student finance has pushed to the margins many other important aspects of Sir Ron's report. That is an understandable but unfortunate outcome. The stress placed on the importance of knowledge - and the provision of flexible qualifications - in an increasingly international context is entirely apt. The committee correctly states that individual ability — and not the short-term calculations of the Treasury - should determine how many young (and older) people enter higher education.

The major dispute between the committee and Mr Blunkett has concerned the funding question. Sir Ron recommended that the present system of student maintenance - 50 per cent loan and 50 per cent grant or parental contribution - should remain but that an annual tuition fee of £1,000 should be charged to all who enter higher education. Mr Blunkett has responded with the bold proposal that grants should be abolished

William Hague yesterday promised that the

Tory party would, in future, listen, not

lecture to the voters. In a careful speech

which avoided premature policy prescrip-

tions or early attempts to articulate "the

vision thing", the Tory leader concentrated

on the necessary lessons his party must

learn from Labour's victory. Mr Hague was

unsparing in his admission of the scale of

defeat and the Tories own responsibility for

their fate. He was also honest in his outline

let alone a threat to the Government, their

recovery must be driven, as Mr Hague

conceded, by ideas. But even the most

glorious intellectual renaissance will be

insufficient to bring the party to power if its

structures are not overhauled first. In

choosing to concentrate on organisation

before ideology Mr Hague may disappoint

some diehards. But he is making the

necessary logistical preparations before a

Mr Hagne's determination to modernise

his party by democratising its structures

was one of the main themes of his leadership

campaign and a project which The Times

supported strongly. During the course of

that campaign the grassroots demonstrated

a keen appetite for a better say and Mr

Hague, acknowledging the imperfection of

the method that brought him to power,

promised to offer himself as soon as

practicable for endorsement. Yesterday he

announced that, this autumn, party members will be given the chance to approve his

Cynics, never an under-represented

minority in the parliamentary Tory party.

have caricatured the "election" as a corona-

A necessary, if hardly radical, part of Mr

Hague's campaign for party membership is

his official photograph which was released:

on Tuesday. The Prime Minister too chose

this week to promulgate a new image of

himself from the camera of that great

contemporary icon-maker, Lord Snowdon.

was the way to make Britons see their

leaders as their leaders wanted to be seen.

This island's history has been admirably

marked by portraiture. As well as using

such home-bred masters as Gainsborough,

the rich and powerful have profited from the

skills of painters from abroad, Holbein, Van

Dyck and Kneller, who over the centuries

made their way to Britain to establish their

The traditional painted portrait could be

so easily tinted by the vanities of its sitter.

Oliver Cromwell may have insisted on

"warts and all", but most preferred flattery.

Sometimes the deception went too far - as

when Holbein's depiction of Anne of Cleves

enticed Henry VIII to wed "a Flanders

responses of the artist as much as the

requirements of the subject. In the 20th

century, expression and interpretation

predominated. Personality was more ex-

posed than protected. In his 1974 portrait of

mare. Generally customers were happy

But later the portrait came to reflect the

fame - and make their sitters feel secure.

Once upon a time the official oil painting

election and support his reforms.

If the Tories are to become relevant again,

I of the internal reform that is needed.

broad strategy can be settled.

outright in favour of loans but that tuition fees should be related to parental income. The difference between the two packages is superficially subtle but very significant.

The balance of argument favours Mr Blunkett's position. The present mixture of grant, loan, and parental generosity is an unfortunate hybrid. A single loan-based structure would be much more coherent. Furthermore, as Sir Ron concedes, the Dearing proposals would not by themselves produce the resources required to quell the current crisis. The Blunkett scheme clearly would. There seems little point in undertaking an exercise like this and travelling only some of the distance. Softened at the edges by extending the repayments period as Mr Blunkett suggests, the Secretary of State's formula represents a reasonable effort at finding an inevitably elusive balance.

There are two areas where Mr Blunkett should look further. In his statement he expressed outright opposition to certain institutions charging additional or "top-up" tuition fees. Greater flexibility might permit him to tackle the present financial advantage enjoyed by Oxford and Cambridge without threatening their collegiate or tutorial systems. He should also consider reform of the current access fund arrangements to ensure that prospective students from the poorest backgrounds are not discouraged. The allure of higher salaries later in life should logically serve as sufficient inducement in itself; but it may sometimes need some short-term assistance.

A sensible Conservative response would have been broadly supportive while suggesting that the Government went further still. Instead Stephen Dorrell, in a bizarre and unbelievable performance, appeared determined to place himself to the left of Ken Livingstone. That is regrettable. The Dearing committee was created by cross-party consensus and should be considered in that light. The Blunkett package will not be universally popular but it is the best practical means of maintaining our universities.

tion and any vote in support of reform as a

filmsy mandate for a blank cheque. They are

people who will not take yes for an answer.

Mr Hague is responding to the clearly

expressed wishes of his party in the most

effective manner possible. The validation of

his leadership this autumn will not be as

effectively democratic an exercise as a

competitive poll which gave every member a

vote: but it is a welcome stride in that

direction. Future leadership elections will be

transparently democratic and this exercise is

The electorate to which Mr Hague will

submit himself, and his reforms, is in-

evitably shrunken. The leader of a party

which once boasted more than two million

members and now has nearer a tenth of that

number speaks with less authority and has

far fewer sources of native wisdom than his

predecessors. Mr Hague chose vesterday to

make an issue of the changes he hopes to

make to his party's internal machinery. He

has no option but to emphasise how

As well as a sincere attempt to attract

more female members and candidates from

ethnic minorities Mr Hague served notice

that structural change would go beyond

personnel and presentation. His proposals

to discipline MPs who bring scorn on the

party and his willingness to place party

funding on a more open basis should help

ensure that a party which had almost forgotten how to say sorry has less to

apologise for in the future. It will be several

months before the precise mechanisms can

be put in place to give effect to Mr Hague's

intentions but he has, so far, shown a

welcome seriousness of intent in learning

Harold Wilson, Ruskin Spear subjected the

enigmatic Prime Minister to a famously

satirical scrutiny, depicting him wreathed in

a cloud of pipe smoke. Last year many were

shocked by the wrinkled visage and tu-

berous fingers in Antony Williams's portrait

of the Queen. The outcome of a commission

was too often unpredictable for the wary

sitter. The fate of Graham Sutherland's

portrait of Churchill became a lesson to

Now it is the studio photograph that has

become the chosen medium for those who

want to exert a more dexterous control. The

photographer's art is a wily one. The

cameraman can combine cosmetics and

celluloid to turn almost anyone into a

Mr Blair and Mr Hague have been less

artful in their intentions than some: but still

their images are meticuously controlled. The

Prime Minister, aware of his tendency to

present a toothy grin to the camera, has now

opted for a studied earnestness. The Leader

of the Opposition, who is sometimes -

perhaps wrongly - thought humourless, is

painting, the serious and the smirk." Our

that some traditions never die.

fashion model - and often does.

artists and subjects alike.

from his party's humiliation.

SERIOUS OR SMIRK

The truths of political portraiture that never die

inclusive he hopes it will become.

evidence of the leader's good faith.

TIM BLACK, Chief Executive,

From Sir Anthony Alment

concern about the number of women seeking abortion ["Abortions rise for first time in five years", report, July 23), and whether more readily accessible facilities might reduce for a few the time to reflect on their decision.

However, for the large number of us who, over many years, conscientiously and actively carried out abortions in the terms and spirit of the 1967 Act, the weight of numbers of women meeting its criteria has been an eloquent indicator of the effects of social stress from faulty personal and family relationships. Indeed, it has often seemed that the various barriers and delays placed in the way of their ready relief were all too often the price of conscience exacted by the uninformed or uninvolved.

means and the access to them, to give women greater security, and to ensure that children are born into the care of parents who will want and will raise them. But we should be soured yet another attack on one of the most significant pieces of legislation of our generation.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY ALMENT (President. Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 1978-81). Winston House, Boughton. Northampton.

Famine in Korea

of Children's Aid Direct

Sir, Your report (July 17) on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) was extremely

for a huge number of people are at last being substantiated by the fact that complete desperation has driven a proud and isolated Government to alow media access to areas not usually visited by foreigners.

The historical and current political

situation makes the issue of foreign food aid and other assistance a complicated one.

Following two donations of aid last year, Children's Aid Direct is about to commence a programme of food distribution to 17,000 children in Sunchon City to the north of Pyongyang.

That we are able to do so is the result of a grant from the European Union (European Community Humanitarian Office) and the fact that we feel a responsibility to respond to humanitarian needs wherever they

The children of North Korea are the less they receive external assistance.

We very much hope that the country's political isolation will not mean that they cannot look to the world community for support and assistance at a time of desperate need. Yours laithfully,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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abortion law

From the Chief Executive of Marie Stopes International

Sir. Mr Nicholas Beale, the Reverend Dr J. C. Polkinghorne and Professor Lord Winston misinterpret the terms and provision of the 1967 Abortion Act when they claim (letter, July 17) that legislators clearly intended that "abortions should not be performed if there is no genuine substantial risk to the physical or mental health of the mother or children" (see also letters, July

The principal provision — the so-called "social clause" — under which the vast majority of abortions in this country are carried out, actually provides the less onerous test that the risk to the mental or physical health of the woman or any existing child of the family will be greater should the pregnancy continue. There is no requirement to establish any "substantial" risk at all

All abortions - including those performed at Marie Stopes International's six new day-care units - are carried out in accordance with the 1967 Act as amended, and within the letter and spirit of that law. But the fact that three pre-eminent men can apply their own more stringent moral and ethical interpretation to the legislation, thereby contributing to the atmosphere of public confusion about what is or is not legally permissible. makes the case for reform more pressing than ever.

The uncertainty which currently prevails, and which does nothing but increase the hardship and emotional trauma experienced by women facing unplanned pregnancies, could be re-solved simply and justly; by the introduction of new legislation which provides women, rather than doctors, with a genuine right to choose abortion in the first 12 weeks of gestation.

Yours sincerely, Marie Stopes International, 153-157 Cleveland Street, WI. July 22.

Sir, There is, indeed, reasonable

By all means let us review the

From the Director of Programmes

The growing stories of near famine

innocent victims of a situation of which they know nothing and which they certainly cannot influence. Thousands of them will die or suffer appalling illness and malnourishment un-

here seen tentatively smiling. According to Dickens' dictum in Nicholas Nickleby. there are only two styles of portrait modern portraitists have ensured this week

Letter and spirit of Radio 3's populist policy under fire

From Mr Duncan Rutter

Sir. Richard Morrison ("Radio 3 falls for populist baloney", Arts, July 19) may be right in suggesting that "lack of bottle in tackling the Musicians' Union" is responsible for the BBC's fiscal insouciance in maintaining orchestras where local musical communities already cherish their own. But if so the Government must surely look critically at the way the Corporation spends a licence income given for the most part uncritically by television

Is the Musicians' Union to get away with forcing an apparently captive customer to buy something he doesn't necessarily want where the National Union of Mineworkers failed?

It is not just the quality of Radio 3 programmes that appears to be paying the price for BBC orchestral overmanning. The listener also wants to hear rather more of the traditionallybased orchestras of this country as an alternative to the BBC's progressive monopoly.

Has any listener research been conducted on so critical a fiscal issue? If so, what was the outcome?

Yours faithfully, DUNCAN RUTTER, 50c Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey. July 20.

From Professor John Casken

Sir, While there may be grounds for concern about the programming poli-cies of Radio 3 and its increasingly populist content and style of presentation, for Richard Morrison to describe the BBC's orchestras as "five workaday bands" and as "a pointless duplication of resources" is insulting and indefensible - witness the excellent and versatile BBC Philharmonic in Manchester, one of the finest of all our orchestras and one of international standing.

Mr Morrison's suggestion that the BBC should sink its resources into "one truly world-class flagship ensemble", presumably in London, might save the BBC money and might assuage Mr Morrison's nostalgia for a return to the time when Radio 3 was "the envy of the world": but the unashamedly serious nature of classical music needs as much live exposure as possible.

For today's composers, the loss of five independent orchestras would further reduce the possibilities of having his or her large-scale works performed in front of an audience. It would belittle the remarkable achievements of these orchestras in the inter-

pretation of major repertoire, and it

would deny audiences new discov-

eries of all types of music in which the

Yours sincerely, JOHN CASKEN, The University of Manchester, Department of Music. Denmark Road, Manchester 15.

BBC plays a leading role.

From Mr Nicholas J. Zelle

Sir, Nicholas Kenyon ("Radio 3's big cheese bites back". Arts, July 22) claims to "meet the needs of the serious classical music audience we have identified" — an audience which "has changed hugely in the last few years. It's larger but more volatile, sophisticated but less knowledgeable than it used to be. It wants to learn."

Perhaps this is a false premise and the root of all the problems that we listeners have to endure. Mr Kenyon's catalogue of "what we will be able to expect" reads like an apologist for Channel 5. The jargon he uses -"award-winning, prizewinning" smacks of Americanism and could refer to loo paper. Titles like Morning Collection and Sounding the Century are cringe-making. And he can par himself on the back as much as he likes by claiming to be "excellent and distinctive" but who else is he kid-

All is not lost. Radio 3 has hung on to its commendable live music policy and its patronage of musicians. But, while it has gone down market, it still fails to attract a larger share of the audience. Oh for the return of oldfashioned BBC style.

Yours sincerely. NICHOLAS J. ZELLE. 13-15 Gloucester Street, SWI.

EU and Estonia

From Mr Kevin Probert

Sir, Integrating Soviet-era gastarbeiter into Estonian society is indeed a problem, but Dr Graham Smith enter, July 22) is wrong Government of denying them social

Whether they are Russian citizens or stateless persons, they may live and work in Estonia, enter and leave the country, and even vote in local elec-

Citizenship is required only to vote in parliamentary elections and serve in the army. Russians, Estonians and others live peacefully side by side - incontrast to Northern Ireland.

The evil wrought by Soviet occupation of Estonia was inflicted over decades: as elsewhere in Eastern Europe, it has left a legacy of ecological, infrastructural and human destruction that will take more decades to repair. The people of Estonia are working hard to bring their economy and living standards up to the level of their Scandinavian neighbours.

They know they cannot untwist in a day what was twisted over 50 years. Yours sincerely,

KEVIN PROBERT (UK resident in Estonia since 1991), BK Group.

From Mr Simon Cave

Sir. A knowledge of the host country's language is a very common prerequisite for citizenship throughout the world. After over 50 years' subjugation to a hated foreign invader, is it any wonder that the Estonians feel so strongly about their language, which especially as it is not a Slavonic tongue - is such a potent symbol of

their national identity? Some shop windows in Tallinn sum up feetings very succinctly: opening hours are given in Estonian, while closing times are shown in Russian.

Yours etc. SIMON CAVE, 34 Ham Common. Richmond, Surrey. July 23.

A common culture

From Mr Loukas N. Kazamias

Sir, The article by Chris Smith. Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport ("Ministry of all the talents", July 15), was very much to the point of his department's new name and focus, as well as its significance to the economy.

The one flaw in the structure of his

"task force" has to be the presence of only six top executives from commerce and industry. Such a body should also be open to contributions from other, less high-profiled, entrepreneurs, utilising an all-round spectrum of commerce and industry and thus giving the new name new dimensions and real "roots". Other government departments could follow suit. A coalition of government and business is paramount for a better tomorrow.

Yours faithfully. L. N. KAZAMÌAS, 87 Wynchgate, Southgate, N14. From Mr Kelvin Nel

Sir, The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport deserves our praise for realising that his "new" depart-ment needed not only a change of name, but of purpose and direction as well. However, I trust that both he and his "high-profile" task force will take account of the many more "lowprofile" members of the public who popularise and use our culture, media and sport.

Will Joe Public be regularly informed and consulted on future proposals and developments?

If one or two representatives of the public were actually on this or any other task force, we might have more confidence that the conclusions reached came from the nation, and not just the "experts".

KELVIN NEL, 3 Learnington Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. July 15.

Abbey statues

From Professor Emeritus Paul Foster

Sir, In a letter on restoration work at Westminster Abbey [July 12; see also letters, July 19, 23], James Dunnett writes of his regret at the "present divorce between artists and craftsmen" and claims that to ensure the vitality appropriate to the site the sculpting of lifesize figures for the empty niches at the west entrance should be given to artists. A similar distinction to this, but in connection with a mural, led Bishop George Bell in 1954 to sit in his own Consistory Court and deliver what has become known as the Goring Judgment.

In essence Bell argued that creative work in service of the Church was designed "either to edify the beholder or to assist ... worship" but that in both cases the creator would be dependent upon "inspiration ... in order to attain the excitement and heightened perception which should be inherent in the final work".

It was this judgment that released

gical propriety or, as was then current, in a misplaced belief that the best art should achieve a literal representation of a biblical text. Today, many artists are proud to emphasise the craft elements in their

the Church from commissioning the

mediocre either in the name of litur-

art and there are many practitioners of a craft who possess a vision as powerful as that held by any artist. If there is to be a debate of the kind suggested. I would prefer the terms

used to be those of inspiration, of vision, and mystery. Or is that asking too much? Yours sincerely,

PAUL FOSTER. Chichester Institute of Higher Education, Bishop Otter Campus. Chichester, West Sussex. July 20.

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No 'jokers' as the voice of London

From Mr Gerald Isaaman

Sir. The policy somersault of the Tories in deciding to accept the proposal for radical changes to London's municipal government (report, July 18) is welcome as far as it goes which, alas, is not very far at all. But, given the collapse of Tory representation in the capital at the general election, it is indeed sad to see that you give valuable space to publish photographs of three Conservatives - Lord Archer, David Mellor and Steven Norris - suggesting that they may fulfil the vital new

role of mayor.

The last thing we need are prominent politicians from a party which has just been comprehensively rejected by the electorate. That we need a charismatic figure is accepted, but that is but one of the qualifications which a primary election, when the

time comes, will perhaps decide. Much has happened to London's disadvantage since the then Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, vindictively abolished the GLC. Much has happened since i suggested in a letter October 30, 1991) that the subsequent void might be replaced with a metropolitan mayor to provide a true voice for London - one, too, with an efficient, strategic back-up organisation that actually has the power to

create necessary change. The daily chaos on London's Tube system provides abundant evidence. If any is required, of the social abdication of which the Tories are guilty, and for which they have paid the price in electoral disaster. But, please, do not offer us any political jokers to put right such an outrageous wrong. London deserves much better than that.

Yours sincerely. GERALD ISAAMAN, Garrick Club, 15 Garrick Street, WC2.

Heritage undermined

From the Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

Sir. Your report (July 8) on the likely damage to Lord Byron's house, Newstead Abbey, from coal mining highlights an indefensible gap in listed building law. A coal mine first opened before 1948 can continue expanding underground even if this results in damaging or destroying historic buildings on the surface, however important or rare the building.

In theory no building or mor in a traditional mining area is safe. The only requirement is that the mining company must pay for the historic building to be reconstructed subsequently. However carefully this work is undertaken, much of the historic integrity and value of the build-

ing will inevitably be lost. All mines opened after 1948 are subject to planning controls, and there is no reason why older ones should continue to be exempt.

We hope the Government will act quickly to block this dangerous loophole in the law.

Yours faithfully. PHILIP VENNING. Secretary, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings 37 Spital Square, El.

Ban on mobile phones

From Mr Hugh Proctor

Sir, Perhaps Michael Fabricant's Private Member's Bill, to be introduced on July 24, should include crematoria on the list of places where the use of mobile phones is banned or at least restricted (report, July 21).

As an Anglican reader I arrived at our local crematorium a couple of weeks ago to conduct a funeral service to find the preceding one, that of a Chinese gentleman, still in progress. Towards the end of it, a mobile phone went off in the congregation and the owner left his seat and stood in the back corner of the chapel talking loudly in what I assume was one of the Chinese languages (with the occasional "yes", "no" and "OK") whilst the service continued. Menbers of the congregation turned. scowled and "shushed", which only persuaded the perpetrator to turn his

back and talk a bit louder. A hefty young man then sprang from his seat, grabbed the talker by the shoulders and none too gently threw him out through the side door. Perhaps a fitting response in other

Yours faithfully, HUGH PROCTOR. 4 Dovecote Lane, Beeston, Nottingham. hjproctor@proweb.co.uk

Bright and early

From Professor J. L. Wilson

Sir. I have just received prima facie evidence that Sir Ron Dearing is out of touch with the world of higher education.

Today programme at 7.40am, in the long vacation, he optimistically uttered the words: "May I say this to the students that are listening . . . ".

Interviewed this morning on the

Yours faithfully, J. L. WILSON, Wholeway, Harlton, Cambridge,

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 23: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning. Captain Narbahadur Gurung. The Royal Gurkha Rifles, and Captain Govinde Gurung. The Queen's Gurkha Signals, (The Queen's Gurkha Orderly Officers) were received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested them with the Insignia of Members of the

Royal Victorian Order. Mrs Eileen Meadmore (Chair-man) and Mrs Beryl Brown (Treasurer) were received by The Queen and presented to Her Majesty the Centenary Medal from the National Federation of Women's

The Rt Hon Anthony Blair, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of

The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Association for Prevention of Addiction at 67-69 Coweress Street, Smithfield, London ECI, and later visited the 493 Project, 493 Cambridge Heath

His Royal Highness, Patron, Hurlingham Polo Association, this evening attended a Dinner at the Turi Club, Carlton House Terrace. Landon SWI.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning received Award participants on an exchange between Hillingdon and Lesotho, at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 23: The Princess Royal. Chancellor, University of London, this morning opened the Garfield Wes-

ege School of Medicine and Denristry, Bessemer Road, London SE5.

Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, University of London, this afternoon received Professor Andrew Rutherford upon relinquishing his appointment as Vice-Chancellor.

The Princess Royal Patron, European Pony Championships 1997, this evening attended the opening ceremony at Hartpury College. Gloucester, and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

CLARENCE HOUSE July 23: Mrs Eileen Meadmore (Chairman) and Mrs Beryl Brown (Treasurer) were today received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and presented to Her Majesty the Centenary Medal from the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 23: The Prince of Wales, Chairman, the Royal Collection Trust, this morning chaired a meeting at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron, Macmillan Cancer Relief, this

afternoon gave a Reception at St James's Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE July 23: The Princess Margaret, tess of Snowdon this afternoon took the salute at a perforice of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London SW5.

THATCHED HOUSE LOOGE July 23: Princess Alexandra today visited the Royal Weish Show, Builth Wells, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Powys (Mr Mervyn Bourdillon).

Birthdays today Mr John Ambler, former chair-

man. Texaco, 63: Baroness Blatch. 60; Mr Julian Brazier, MP, 44; Mr George H. Brown, film producer. 84; Sir Trevor Chinn, chairman, Lex Service, 62; Mr Robin Cutter, former director-general. Forestry Commission, 63: Lord Digby, 73: Lord Fisher, 76: Sir Edward Ford, secretary and registrar. Order of Merit. 87: M Jacques Fouroux. former rugby player, 50: Professor Derek Fraser, Vice-Chancellor, Teesside University, 57: Lord Hambro, 67: Mr J.W. Hele, former High Master, St Paul's School, 71: Sir Gordon Hourston, pharmacist, 63: Mr Wilfred Josephs, composer. 70: Vice-Admiral Sir David Loram. 73: Mr Nell McIntosh, former director. VSO, 50: Mr Edwin Mirvish, proprietor, Old Vic Theatre, 83: Lord Simon of Highbury. 58: Mr Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. 46: Sir Colin Southgate, chairman. EMI Group, 59; Miss Quinlan Terry, architect, 60; Professor Frank Thistlethwaite, founding Vice-Chancellor, University of East Anglia, 82: Mr Peter Yates, film director and producer.

Drapers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Drapers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master. Sir Michael Creig-Cooper.
Wardens. Mr Nicholas Playne, Mr John Padovan. Mr Antony Woodall.
Mr Christian Williams.

Retirement

Judge Quentin Edwards, QC, has the South Eastern Circuit.

Latest wills

Kathleen Phillips, larmer and Lloyd's underwriter, of Hayes, Bedfordshire, left estate valued at 52.177.161 ner.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, will present the 1997 City and Guilds Prince Philip Medal and Silver and Bronze Medals at Buckingham Palace at 11.30, followed by luncheon at the Connaught Hotel at 12.30. As Patron and Trustee, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and Patron, Outward Bound Trust, he will attend a dinner at Grosvenor House at 6.55. The Duke of York, as Patron, will

take the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15. The Duke of Kent will visit Notcutts Nurseries, Ipswich Road, Woodbridge at 11.00; and will open the Abbeyfield Orwell Society's Puddy Geere House, Congr Road, Ipswich at 1.45. Princess Alexandra, as Patron, will

attend a service of thanksgiving to mark the 30th anniversary of St Cathedral at 6.55.

Service luncheon RNC Greenwich 1947 Term of

The Royal Naval College Green-wich 1947 Term of Sub Lieutenants held a 50th anniversary luncheon on board HMS President, by officer. the London Division, Royal Naval Reserve. Commander G.M.B. Selous presided.

University news Cambridge Queens' College

To a Bye Fellowship in Mathemat ics from Oct I: Oliver Bühler. Selwyn College Elected to Trevelyan Research Fellowship from Oct 1: Simon Tinnuss

BBC finds siblings living in harmony

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

AUDITIONS to find the best young musician in Britain appear to prove that in the current generation talent really does run in families. In past years the BBC's Young Musicians competition has occasionally unearthed siblings rivalling each other in front of the judges. This year 11 pairs are taking part. More than 500 under-19-

vear-olds have been auditioning this week to win a place in the regional finals that precede semi-finals and a televised final in Belfast next spring. The family connections have astonished the organisers.
"We can't really fathom it.

It's bizarre," a spokesman said. "It's an odd statistic but it does show that music tends to be an inherited talent." Magnus, 17. and Guy John-

ston, 16. from Harpenden. Hertfordshire, whose parents are professional musicians, play the violin and cello respectively, were only thwarted from forming a trio of competitors with their older brother Rupert, 19, when he was involved in a serious car accident recently.

Guy said: "It was our parents' dream to have all three of us taking part but Rupert is making a slow

Sally Pryce, who is 18 on Friday and her sister Katie, 15. from Kingsbury, north London were in the last contest and both reached the semi-finals for harp and French horn respectively.



Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Curren, Irish statesman, Newmarket, Co Cork. 1750; Simon Bolivar, "Liberator" of South America, Caracas, Venetuela, 1783; Alexandre Dumas père, novelist and playwright, Villers-Cotterèts, 1802; Frank Wedekind, dramatist, Hanover, 1864; E.F. Benson, novelist, Wellington College, Berkshire, 1867; Edward John Plunkett, 18th Baron of Dunsany, writer, London, 1878: Ernst Bloch, composer, Geneva, 1880; Amelia Ear-hart, aviator, Atchison, Kansas,

DEATHS: George Vertue, en-graver. London, 1756; John Sell Cotman, water-colourist, London, 1842: Martin van Buren, eighth American President 1837-41, Kinderhook, New York, 1862: Mat-thew Webb, the first English Channel swimmer, drowned in an attempt to swim the Niagara Falls ariempi to swift the Niagara Faus rapids, 1883; Sacha Guitry, actor and playwright, Paris, 1957; Sir James Chadwick, physicist, Nobel laureate 1935, 1974; Peter Sellers, actor, London, 1980.

Jacques Cartier landed in Canada claiming the country for France. 534 Abdication of Mary Queen of Scots, 1567.

First life peerages established in Britain, 1958. Gibraliar taken by the British,

Lord Inge

The life barony conferred upon Field Marshal Sir Peter Anthony Inge has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroa Inge, of Richmond in the County of North Yorkshire.

Well-versed researcher solves a Roman riddle

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

THE mystery of the Roman acronyms has been solved - with the aid of a standard dictionary. Two cryptic inscriptions on coins minted more than 1,700 years ago have proved to be the initial letters of phrases from a famous poem by Virgil-

The source of the enigma was the usurper Carausius, in Britain who in AD 287 declared himself Roman Emperor and defied the established emperors Diocletian and Maximian. He ruled for six years, until he was murdered by his finance minister Allectus in 293. Among his coins is one in

the British Museum depicting a victory chariot, underneath which is the inscription I.N.P.C.D.A. which has loxed everyone since it turned up in 1931", according to Guy de la Bedoyère, a Roman specialist. Other coins have the equally cryptic RSR, which has been suggested to refer to Allectus as rationalis summae rei a financial official. "The trouble is". Mr de la Bedoyère writes in Current Archaeology, "it doesn't appear on any other imperial Roman coins", so that the post cannot have been a normal civil service one.

The answer lies, it would seem, not in the field of economics but in literature: Carausius presented himself as a restorer of old Roman virtues, and evoked Roman legendary history to boost his

image. Thus, he used the motto Expectate veni. "Come.

long-awaited one", an allusion

to the Aeneid, to describe nimseli on one issues. With this in mind, Mr de la Bedoyère started to look at Virgil as a possible source for the acronyms on the other coins. Within a few minutes he had found what seems to be the answer in a well-known phrase cited in the Oxford

Dictionary of Quotations. In Eclogue IV, lines 6-7, he read: Redeunt Saturnia Regna (with RSR as its initial letters), and Iam Nova Progenies Caelo Demittitur Alto, spelling out INPCDA. This translates as The Reign of Saturn (ie the Golden Age) returns: now a new generation comes down from heaven above". "It all means exactly what Carausius wanted to say - in fact they were probably his slogans," Mr de

la Bedoyère says. "New Em-

peror, Old Virtues" in modern

election-speak.

Luncheons Plumbers' Company

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The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
Mr Alderman and Sheriff Cirve
Martin and Colone! M. CarnegieBrown, presented the Plumbers'
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Leading, Marine Artificer S.;
Simms of HMS Sultan and the
Saint Michael Medallion to
Liveryman Terry Filiary at the July
Court Inneheon held vesterday at Court luncheon held yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Charles Smith, Master, presided, assisted by Mr P. R. Brunner, Upper Warden, and Mr E.W. Hopkinson, Renter Warden. The Dean of St Paul's was among those present.

Anglo-Colombias Society The annual Independence Day (July 20) function of the Anglo-Colombian Society

ombian Society was held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Dr Carlos Lemos Simmonds, Vice-President of Colombia and president of the society, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein and Mr Alastair Forsyth, chairman, were the speakers.

Baron Cowdrey of Tonbridge

The life barony conferred upon Sir Michael Colin Cowdrey has been general by the name, style and title of Baron Cowdrey of Tenbridge, of Tenbridge in the County of Kent.

Baron Russell-Johnston

The life barony conferred upon Sir David Russell Russell-Johnston has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Russell-Johnston, of Minginish in High-lenate.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss C. Usher

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr David and Lady Elizabeth Benson. and Cecilia, daughter of Mr Tim Usher and Mrs Sally Usher. Mr.J.A.C. Scringeour

and Min A.L. Burrows The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr Simon Scrimgeour, of Rozel, Jersey, and Mrs Jennifer Scringeour, of Kensington, Lon-don, and Zanna, daughter of the Hon Timothy Buxton, of Coneys-thorpe, North Yorkshire, and Mrs Julie Parker, of Barnes, London.

Mr R.B.M. Barnes and Min J.M. Crook

The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs K.M. Barnes, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Julia, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Crook,

Mr J.H. Rooth-Clibborn and Miss A.J. Hill The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr Edward Booth-Clibborn, of Kensington and Mrs Dawn Booth-Ctibborn, of Pulham, and Ann, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Christopher Hill, of North-amuton.

ampton. Mr S.P.Butler and Miss L.J. deM. Benzecry The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anton Burley, of Constantia, Cape Town, South Africa, and Locy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coul Benzerry; of

Ashtead, Surrey. Mr R. Hutchinson; and Miss S. Bellevia The engagement is amounced between Robert Hutchguson, of Pindico, London, and Susun Behrmann, of Cheisea, London. Mr J.M. Swales and Miles H.M. Richardson

The engagement is amounted between Jersmy, son of Dr and Mrs Astibity Swales of Salen Argyll and Hope, datighter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Richardson, of Malison, Wisconsty, USA.

Mr H. Watcheren. Mr. H. J. Watchorn in and Miss S.M. Olic

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of the late Mr C. Watchdrn and of Vir V. Watchdra, of Penerth, South Glamorgan, and Sessimals, Glamorgan, and Susannah, daughter of Dr and Mrs P.T. Oke

Appointment

Mr David Broucher to be Ambasnel Burton who will be retiring

Dinner Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner last night at the Maxiston House the Lord Chanceller and Lady Irvine of Lairy, the Lord Chel Justice and Lady Biggiam of Cornhill, the Master of the Rolls, and Lady Woolf, the Vice Chair cellor of the Supreme Court and and other of Her Majesty's Judges, Aldermen, Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some members of the Court of Common Council and.

Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts. The Lord Mayor, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice were the speakers. Among

others present were:
Sir Edward and Lady Howard, the
Lord Advocate and Tady Hardle,
the Anomes General and Mass
Morris, the Solicino General and Lady Palconer of Thoroton, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and Lady Carswell, Lord Nicholls: of Birlenhead, Lord Nicholist of Birlenhead, Lord Cooke of Thorndon, Lard Styar of Hadley, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hope of Craightead, Lord Hutton, Sir Thomas Legg, QC, and Lady Legg, the Master of the Solicitors Company and Mor Avery-Jones, the Chief Metropolitant Stipendiary Magistrate and Mrs Badge, the Chuirman of the Conticl of the Barand Mrs Owen, Mr Keith Var. and Mrs Owen, Mr Keith Vaz, MP, asod Mrs Vaz and Mr and

Mr P.H.L. Telegdy and Miss A.J. Doxford The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Telegdy, of Gargrave, Yorkshire, and Annabelle, elder daughter of the late Mr Michael Doxford and of Mrs James Gladstone, of Marsh Benham, Newbury.

Mr T.J. West and Miss M.L. Roe

The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs Valentine West, of Colchester, Essex, and Lucy, daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Roe, of Hatfield,

Marriages Mr D. Crossley-Holland

Mr D. Crossley-Holland
Miss S. Pearson
The marriage rook place on Saturday, July 19, at St Swithin's,
Bath, between Mr Dominic
Crossley-Holland, younger son of
Mr Kevin Crossley-Holland, of
Burnham Market, Norfolk, and of
Mrs Caroline Hickey, of Seaborough, Dorset, and Miss Sophie Pearson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Pearson, of Bath. The Rev Hartmut Kopsch officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her lather, was at-tended by Alice Mannering and Eleanor Crossley-Holland. Mr Richard Micchelli was best man, The reception was held at Guy-

ers House. Corsbarn, and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya and the Seychelles. Mr A.R. Yang

and Miss S.J. Spice The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 21, at the Church of St Peter, Bocking, of Mr Alan Yates, son of the late Mr Eric Yates and of son of the late Mr Eric Yates and of Mrs Yates, of Ilford, Essex, to Miss Susan. Spice, daughter of Mr Norman. Spice and the late Mrs Spice, of Braintree, Essex. The Very Rev Philip Need officiated. The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was altended by Miss Stephanie Sweet, Miss Lisa Mark, Vicky Chambers and Elouisa Gilder-Bittle. Mr Stephen Micklethwaite was best man.

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sador to the Crech Republic from October in succession to Sir Michfrom the Diolograpic Service.

Memorial services

Miss Josephine Child A service of thanksgiving for the file of Miss Iosephine Heather Child, calligrapher, arist and author, was held yesterday at St Peters Petersfield. The Rev Robin Denniston officiated and gave an address, assisted by the Rev Sue Roberts Mr Simon Mackarness Mr Lloyd Turner

A memorial service for Mir Lloyd Turner, former Editor of the Daily Star, was held yesterday at St Bride's; Fleet Street, Canon John Oates officiated and Mr Richard Stolt read the lesson: Mr Peter Tory read If by Rudyard Kipling and Mr Ray Mills read Remember by Christina Rossetti. Sir Jocelyn Stevens gave an address.

Church news Appointments

The Rev Christopher Bull, Priestin Charge, Flackwell Heath (Oxford): to be also Rural Dean of Wycombe (same diocese).

The Rev Dr David Chantrey, Rector, Beckbury Group of Churches (Lichfield): to be also Chairman, Caris (Care, Action, Responsibility and Justice in Society) (same diocese).

The Rev Philip Dallaway, Priestin-Charge, Didcot All Saints (Oxford): to be Rector (same benefice).

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OLK - On 18th July, to Brian Polk and Catharine MacMillan, a son, Benry Ambrone HacMillan Polk

Ambrone Machillan Folk Abrother for Margaret.

RENOUF - On 17th July, to George and Karen, e son, James Thomas McGregor, a brother for Mar.

BOGOWER - On July 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary and Bob. a son, Mitchell Gerard. What a birthday gift for Dadi".

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ARMSTRONG-JAMES - Heavy peacefully on 21st July in his Stad year at all Hallows Hospital, Ditchingham, Horold-Ratewath inchessed of Enid and deathy loved father of Maureen and Michael and brother of Elizabeth, cherished grandfather to five and great-grandfather to five and great-grandfather to five. Formerly of Westminster College, Oxford and Principal of Sunderland College of Education. War Service last Survey Regiment, E.A., 8th & 19th Army. Private cremation. Donations if desired to All Hallows Hospital. BAMERIGGE - Michael died peacefully on 11th June 1997 at North Devon District Hospital. Good friend of David Hobbs who died on 15th June 1997. Will be saidly missed FOOT - On 20th July, David Robert Paterson. "In Thy presence is fullness of joy". Beloved husband of Heisen, father, grandfather and brother Fameral Service at

Seloved husband of Helen, father, grandiather and brother. Funeral Service at St Feters Upper Church, Pensburg, Kent at 2.20 pm on 29th July. Family flowers only, but donations enquiries to ER Helemont & Sons. Tak (UISP2) 522462.

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David said to him. To Saul no hurn. Who has ever lifted his hand spainst the Lord's anointed and gone ungun-ished? I Samuel 26: 9

BIRTHS ALYMAR - On July 19th, to Charlotte (née Parkin) and Brian, à daughter, Lydia Henrietta Sadie, a sister for Frederick and Georgina. RABHAB. On July 22nd at Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong, to Tony and Rovens (ase Abuan), a son, Mark Jefferson Reyner, Faulatim Pervenints.

birthday gift for Dadiff
TOWERS - On 16th July 1997,
to Samh-jams (née Eassatt)
and Esmon Paul, a beautifiel
daughter, Deisy isabelie.
WALLACE - On 21st July at
The Fortland Hospital, to
Laura (née Harcourt) and
Bob. a son, a brother for
Deursh. Perventions.

BURLES - On 19th July, to Satah (note Rows) and Barry, a son, Charles William, a brother for George.

CALDECOUT - On July 17th, to Dominic and Sarah, a daughter, a sister for Thomass, Freddle and Roftys.

DONOWAN - On July 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Louzaine, a son, Benjamin, a heother for Malson.

DOYLE - On July 21st. to

DOYLE - On July 21st, to Justica (nee Georgiades) and Justica (née Georgiades) and James, a daughter, Panay Georgia, a sister for India and Lallie.

DYMONE - On 19th july, at home, to Kathryn (nee Topham) and Charles, a son, Arthle Charles Lindley, a brother for Jasper and BEFHEROU On July 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Jeasette and Theo, a beautiful daughter, Lara

Family 1984 July 1997, to Emma (nee Ashandem) and Jonathan, a beautiful damphter, Eate Mary Ann (Katie). With special thanks to all at The Lister Hospital.

MAYNEW - On 5th July 1997, to Lisa and James, a daughter, Barriet Anna, a sister for Sophie, Sturkley - On luby 20th to sister for Sophie.

MURLEY - On July 20th, to
Savan (noe Wedd) and
Anthony, a daughter,
Annabel Catherine Wedd, a
sister for Toby.

MURPHY - On July 14th at
Queen Charlotte's, London,
to Bevenley (noe Ker) and
Kobert, a son, Alec Felix
Teddy, a brother for Freddie
and Angus.

DEATHS ARPER - Mary on 21st july peacefully. Devoted wife o peacefully. Devotes the late Tony and mother of Carolina. Funeral 30th july HOSES - David died pencefulli on 15th June 1997 at Toxington Cottage Hospital Good friend of Michael Ballatrice who died on 11th

Peacefully, in Toronto, Canada on July 22nd, 1997, in his 66th year. Hashand or Elimbert (Rowsell), Father of Doug (Alexandra) of Ottawa; Jim of South Africa and Rob (Chest) of Calgary, Survived by five grandchildren. Private inmity service, Commalian. Arrangements under the direction of the Remphry Funeral Rome - AW. Miles Chapel, (416) 487-4523.

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MRIMER - Ede Charles Milner,
17th May 1928 - 20th July
1997, died passerully at age
69 at his home, 3020
Undeshill Drive Nw, Calgary,
Alberta, Conado, after a
langthy buttle with cancer.
He was prefectased by his
first wire, Estella, He leaves
his mother Ann, his wife
Elizabeth, his daughter
Suzame, con-in-law David,
granddzughters Kandal and
Alex, and sons Mark, Paul,
Simon and Robert, A
celebration of Ene's life will
be held at The University of
Calgary in due course. Gifts
in his memory may be made
to The University of Calgary
towards the Eric Milner
Scholarship Fund.

(MELET - On 18th July, 1997)

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OMRETY - On 18th July, 1997
at the Princess Margaret
Hospital, Swindon,
peacefully after a short
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PARRY-JONES - Professor William Litywelyn, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. Parry-Jones and brother of Dr. Off. Parry-Jones and brother of Dr. Off. Parry-Jones Learner and most loving husband of Brenda, devoted and chemished father of Ramwen, Cells and Daniel, much loved father-in-law of Michael, Justin and Liz and proud gamdisher of isabel, Emily and Sean William. Dued peacefully on Study 20th july, at home, surrounded by all his family, after a compount truggle special control of the property of the prop

ROWNTREE . ROWNTREE Richard
Stephenson on 21st July in
Kork aged 75. Much loved
and loving husband, father
and quantitates. Service of
Thanksgiving on 13th
August at 2.15 pm at
Pleining Pattal Church

RADARABGAR! - Mariana Gerlinde "Min" (née Baumann) sged 53, died pascefully on 20th July 1997 after a courageous fight against cancer. Reloved. 1997 after a courageous fight against cance, Beloved wife of Herry and mother of Angelina and Suzanne. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, West Chapel, Ruislip, on Friday 25th July at 2.15 pm, Plowers and/or densitions to The Imperial Cancer Rasseath Fund. SINGER - Edwin J. died in Caracas on 12th July. Funeral 12.30 pm Friday 25th July in the Windsor Faths Crurt. Describe to The Prince's Trust. Sadly missed by Rhizmon, Karpa, John and Daniel, Rachel and family. David and Ann.

SMITHER - Sylvia Florence (nie Newbold), suddenly and pascefully at her home in London on Sunday, 20th july 1997. Cremation will take 1997. Commation will take place at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, London Will Hall at 2.45 pm on Toesday, 29th July, No flowers, please: she would praise donations to one of the Cancer charities in BIRTHDAYS

PERSONAL COLUMN

STURBLY - Tabitha Florence Grace. Died on July 19th 1997 aged 17 years after a long and counspeces fight as the cancer. He was teeply loved by her large family and will be greatly aissed. Her fortitude and white district of the word aft who know her. Tabitha's family wish to thank all the medical staff who cause for her, especially Dr. Denise Williams. The funeral service will take place in Gonville and Coins College Chapel, Cambridge, at 11 are on Friday July 25th, May she find peace at last, WANTED

WALDEN - Karma IM. agad 24. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, King Edward Road, Oldfield Park, Bath, at 11 am Friday 25th July. Enquiries tely (01225) 314304. WARREN - Dr. David John, 22nd July aged 55 at home in Portsmouth, ', with the Lord for ever. No flowers please, Donations if desired to Impedal Canote Research TICKETS FOR SALE

WESTMACOTT - Fatrick aged 90 os July 21st soddenly at boths. Belowed Bushand of Joan (née Romanes) and inther of Caroline Brakepeer and of Richard and Christophez, grandfather and great-grandfather. Christmas Island IO. 1932-49. Funeral Monday July 28th St Mary's Church, Manacowen, Punbs at 11 am. Family flowers duly, donations if desired to Royal Richial Legion Et. POW Ass. clo Lloyds Bank, Fishguard, ELP.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN IRVINE

Major-General John Irvine, OBE, Director of Medical Services, British Army of the Rhine 1973-75, died on July 17 aged 83. He was born on May 31, 1914.

ack Irvine, as he was known throughout the Army, was a big man in every sense: physically large and robust, he had a is hugely warm, generous and outgoing personality to match. If war had not broken out in 1939, he might well have won his Scottish rugby cap as a prop forward that autumn.

His ambition, when a medical student at Glasgow Univ-ersity in the late 1930s, was to become a surgeon. Fate decided otherwise. He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps immediately after qualifying in 1940, and his career took a very different turn. It was one more suited to his talents as a tough man of action and a natural leader.

Having served in the field throughout the Mediterranean campaigns, he was clearly more qualified for a command and staff career than for one as a medical specialist. He became one of the first RAMC postwar Staff College graduates,

Surprisingly, he never had the advantage of gaining battle experience as a regimental medical officer. His first postings were on troopships plying from Glasgow to Suez round the Cape. Being an ambitious and forthright young officer. he protested after ministering to several successive troopdecks that, had he wished to serve at sea, he would have joined the Navy.

This démarche led to his taking part in the short and bleak campaigns in Greece and Crete before finding him-722 self back at sea in an improvised hospital ship, evacuating casualties from Tobrik and Benghazi during Auchinieck's Crusader offensive and the withdrawal to Gazala in the autumn of 1941. .

Just before the Battle of Gazala in June 1942, Irvine was sent to join an ambulance train, which helped to evacuate the large number of casualties from that disastrous battle, and during the subsequent retreat to El Alamein.

Ron Berry, Welsh

novelist, died on July 16

aged 77. He was born on February 23, 1920.

IN NOVELS and short stories,

written in his ummistakably

individual style, Ron Berry

described lives painfully eked out in the underbelly of the

society of post-industrial South Wales. His tone was

generally rueful, though not bitter. But he pulled no punch-

Life in the Valleys as he

depicted it was, if not exactly

nasty, brutish and short, then

a constant struggle by the

little man against the "haves"

as he saw them: unscrupulous

commercial fat cats; the Estab-lishment at the Welsh Office in

lishment at the Welsh Office in with This Bygone (1996), set, Cardiff; or personified by the



He was in medical charge of the 8th Ambulance Train throughout Montgomery's advance from El Alamein to Tunis. During this time, he gained operational experience, and was discovered to have a special aptitude for medical organisation and staff work.

He was promoted major and appointed deputy assistant director of medical services for the invasion of Sicily. and went on as a medical staff officer throughout the Italian Campaign and latterly in Yu-

taken Saesneg gold and disap-

peared to a luxurious life at the

Yet, although Berry is re-

garded as one of Wales's more

significant postwar novelists

writing in English (along with

Glyn Jones and Emyr Hum-phreys), it may eventually be

seen that the short story was

his true métier. The con-

straints of the form helped to

guard against a sometimes

over-lush, sometimes merely

messy, prose style. It also

restrained a tendency, evident

in the novels, to over-excitable

descriptions of sexual activity.

the novel for the last time,

'after a quarter of a century,

But when Berry returned to

BBC in London.

goslavia, where he was mentioned in dispatches and com-mended for an act of gallantry. After the war, he returned

reluctantly to his early ambi-tion of specialising in surgery. Not surprisingly, he found the long hours of hard work in hospital wards tedious. He fell back on his wartime experience and opted to specialise in command and staff work in place of surgery. He graduated from Staff College with the coveted letters psc (passed staff college) after his name.

ent he was attempting some-

thing different from its

predecessors. This time the

yrical prose-poetry was care-

fully calculated — in marked

contrast to the uncontrolled

breathlessness of the earlier novels. True, there was a

suspicion in places that the

ghost of Dylan Thomas might lurk obtrusively at the writer's

shoulder. But the result was

generally hailed as being a

moving book which authenti-

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In his subsequent postwar career, he inspired confidence and respect among "all arms" commanders and staffs for his balanced, down-to-earth judgments, integrity and high personal standards. He was well known for his bonhomie and enjoyment of life. Moreover, he and his wife were extraordinarily generous in their entertainment of colleagues and subordinates alike.

The highlights of his career until he was promoted brigadier in 1968 were: command of

a field ambulance in Korea. 1953-54, for which he was appointed OBE (mil); a jungle tour at the height of the Malayan Emergency, 1954-56; command of the military hospital in Accra, Ghana, in 1961; assistant director of medical services of 3rd Division, 1964-67; command of the Aldershot Military Hospital. 1967-68: and two tours in BAOR commanding field ambulances and injecting reality into their unreal world of preparation

for nuclear war. Highly regarded as a trouble-shooter by the Army's medical directorate, he was appointed deputy director of medical services on the Rhine in 1968, and of 1st Corps in the. following year. In 1971, he was brought back to Whitehall as a major-general to be deputy to an old friend. Sir Norman Talbot, the Director General of Medical Services. They made an excellent team: Talbot, a distinguished hospital clinician, and Irvine, a highly experienced medical staff of ficer and commander.

Although he was now clear-ly part of the Establishment. the "troopship rebel" lay just below the surface, and the set of his jaw was a reminder of the determination of a Glasgow-Scottish prop forward, which, when coupled with his total lack of pretension and pomposity, made him a formi-dable opponent in Whitehall's corridors of power.

His final appointment in the Army was as Director of Medical Services at HQ BAOR, which gave him the opportuni-ty to display his talents in management and leadership. So successful was he that his appointment was extended to September 1975, one year beyond the normal retirement

After he had left the Army, he worked for a time as a Ministry of Defence civilian medical practitioner before retiring finally to live in Cyprus. He returned to Britain later. settling near the Cambridge Military Hospital. He married Mary McNicol

Cossar in 1941. They had a 24hour honeymoon before he left for the Middle East. They were not reunited until after the end of the war. She survives him, together with their daughter.

NINA COLTART

Nina Coltart, psychoanalyst and psychiatrist, died on June 24 aged 69. She was born on November 21, 1927.

NINA COLTART was one of the most prominent of training analysts, supervisors, teachers and administrators from the early 1970s to her retirement in the mid-1990s. She played an important part in the international psychotherapeutic community for 35 years.

Nina Elizabeth Cameron Coltart and her younger sister, Gill, were born at Shortlands in Kent, where their father worked as a GP. He had married the daughter of his partner, Dr E. A. Hawke from Redruth, Cornwall, and in 1939 the children were evacuated to the Lizard peninsula to be brought up by their grandmother. Their mother and father were killed in an early wartime train accident when Nina was 12.

Nina was educated at Sherborne School for Girls, where she was discouraged from studying the sciences, which she had hoped would lead to a career in medicine, because her maths was weak.

Against fierce postwar competition, she won a place to read modern languages at Somerville College, Oxford, where she became president of the junior common room. Here her medical ambitions were fostered by the college Principal, Dr Janet Vaughan, and she began studying maths, physics and chemistry from scratch. Her reward was a senior state scholarship to Barts (where she also won the open arts scholarship, unhampered by allegedly scoring nought in maths). At Barts she was the first woman editor of the Barts Journal, and her very shaky grip on physics was greatly improved by the Nobel prizewinner Joseph

On qualifying, Coltart held various psychiatric posts in the National Health Service, notably at the North Middlesex and Claybury Hospitals. She was analysed by Elizabeth Rosenfeld, who had assisted the Freud family's exodus from Vienna. In 1964 she qualified as an associate member of the British Psycho-Analytical Society, becoming a

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In 1971 she became a training

analyst and supervisor. From 1972 to 1982 she was director of the London Clinic of Psycho-Analysis, where analysts give their time free. In this role she developed a unique skill in the delicate art of matching patient and therapist. She went on to assess and place more than 3,000 patients.

Privately, she confessed to preferring psychotherapy to psychoanalysis, and she abhorred arrogance, dogma and preaching on any analyst's part. Her own analyses were often profound, but they were phrased in straightforward language, and with a strong sense of humour.

From the mid-1960s she practised Theravada Buddhism, and she was fascinated

dhism and psychoanalysis. She chaired the Hampstead Buddhist group for many years, supported the monas-tery at Great Gaddesden in Hertfordshire, and helped with the founding of the Buddhist monastery at Chithurst, near Petersfield.

Her three books, all published in the 1990s - Slouching Towards Bethlehem, How to Survive as a Psychotherapist and The Baby and the Bath Water - were meant for the general reader as much as for the professional one.

Nina Coltart loved travelling and regularly lectured in America, Australasia, Sweden and Israel. Away from work she was a skilled calligrapher, and enjoyed opera and modern fiction. She was unmarried.

RON BERRY

Rhondda. He was a natural rebel - miner, navvy, fitter, merchant navy seaman (briefduring the Second World

War), boxer and footballer. His early life was characterised by a good deal of "ducking and dodging", as he put it, trying to keep out of authority's way but without the funds to do so successfully. The tribulations of this woeful condition are wryly explored in his short stories, many of which smack sharply of the pains of personal experience.

cally conveyed the life of the An accident in a football match in 1943 damaged his grandfather had knee, and he was never to play come from England as a farm the game again. At some point he went AWOL from the labourer, hoping for riches from the South Wales coal Ordnance Corps; he then be-Klondyke. Ron was born in came a carpenter, and made some sort of living on various 1920 in Blaen-cwm, in the

He married Rene Jones in 1948, often moving from job to job, and sometimes to no job at all. He began writing poems and essays, but no one wanted to print him. After a spell at Coleg Harlech, a residential college of further edu-cation for mature students. and an abortive attempt to enter a teacher training college, he returned with Rene and the children to Treherbert. There, while working as assistant manager at the swimming baths, he wrote his first novel. Hunters and Hunted (1960). Set in the imaginary Welsh mining vill-age of Blaenddu (a thinly disguised version of his native place), it somewhat pantingly described the sexual adven-

tures of three young men, and attracted good reviews.
Four novels followed in the next ten years. The last was So Long, Hector Bebb (1970), the tale of a second-rate Welsh boxer whose all-absorbing devotion to his craft has tragic domestic consequences. The Full-Time Amateur (1966), another libido-filled Valleys performance, attracted the attention of the film-maker, Bryan Forbes, but nothing

came of the project.
Then suddenly no one would publish Ron Berry. He accumulated six novels and many more rejection slips. He did some radio and TV work and wrote soccer reports for The Observer for a season. He also wrote short stories, a number of which were published in Planet and the New

ation of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It charges

Servia with abetting propaganda against the

Monarchy and with, at least, indirect respon-sibility for the assassination of the Archduke

Francis Ferdinand and the Duchess of

Hohenberg by Bosnian Serbs at Sarajevo on

The Note further alleges that it results from

the confessions of the perpetrators of the Sarajevo outrage that the assassinations were

planned at Belgrade, that the arms and explosives with which the murderers were

provided were given to them by Servian officers and officials belonging to an associ-

hours.

Welsh Review during the 1970s and 1980s and kept his name before the Welsh reading public. In despair over his fiction. he began an autobiography. When his children read it, they discovered they had a very different father from the one

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they thought they had known. Then he turned to a subject

Depression of the 1930s and after. This Bygone, which was published last year, is a lament for a vanished way of life, in which Berry's manifesto was clear. "Word-of-mouth cultures", he observed, "cease in cemeteries." He was deter-

joyed good health, and in later years he was plagued by osteoarthritis. His spirit, nevertheless, remained indomitable.

He had two sons and three daughters. They and his wife all survive him.

AUSTRIAN PRESSURE ON THIS DAY ON SERVIA. PRESENTATION OF NOTE.

July 24, 1914 The Austro-Hungarian Note was presented to the Servian Government at 6 o'clock last evening by the Austro-Hungarian Minister at Belgrade, General Baron Giesl von Gieslingen. It demands a reply within 48

The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, gave The language of the Austro-Hungarian the dual monarchy the excuse to attack Note is severe, not to say violent. Its tone is that of an indictment. It cites the declaration Serbia. Austria-Hungary accused Serbia of indirect responsibility for the killing and made by Servia to Austria-Hungary on the advice of the Powers, on March 31, 1909, at the end of the crisis which attended the annex-Serbia's placatory reply was rejected.

ation called the Narodna Obrana, and that the passage into Bosnia of the criminals and of their arms was organized and effected by the chiefs of the Servian Frontier Service.

In view of these circumstances the Note states that it is no longer possible for the Monarchy to maintain the attitude of expec-tant forbearance hitherto observed, or to tolerate the machinations which it alleges to have been hatched at Belgrade against the territory of the Monarchy, It is therefore compelled to demand from the Servian Government a formal assurance that it condemns this dangerous propaganda, and that it will no longer permit such machina-

tions and propaganda. The Austro-Hungarian Government further demands that a declaration to this effect shall be published in the Servian official journal and embodied in an Army Order: that proceedings shall be instituted against individual subjects of the Servian Crown, with regard to whom specific charges are made; and that the Servian Government should accept the co-operation of the Austro-Hungarian authorities in suppressing propagandist organizations.

BELGRADE, JULY 23,

The Note is in the following terms:-On March 31, 1989, the Royal Servian Minister in Vienna, on the instructions of the Servian Government, made the following statements to the Imperial and Royal Govern-

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Students will face £10,000 debt

Most students will leave university with debts of more than £10,000 as a result of the Government's announcement yesterday that it is to scrap maintenance grants and to introduce fees for full-time university courses. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, said the changes were necessary to provide more money for a university system that he described as being in crisis...... Pages I, 12, 13

Tory shake-up

A ban on foreign donations and disciplinary powers to expel or suspend MPs guilty of gross misconduct were promised by William Hague as part of the biggest shake-up in the Conservative party for more than half a century....

More Swiss accounts

Another list of about 20,000 dormant prewar accounts is to be published by the Swiss Bankers' Association in October Page 1 Peace setback

Ulster Unionists threw the peace process into disarray by voting down the Anglo-Irish plan for IRA disarmament.

Jaffa attack

Shaken by the type of horrific terrorist incident to which Israelis have become accustomed, 41 British Jewish teenagers vowed to continue their educational tour which began with an attack on the streets of Old Jaffa......Page 3

Climbers killed Two British climbers fell 3,000 ft

to their deaths while posing for photographs on a ridge on Mont Blanc in the French Alps... Page 5 DPP 'error'

Two policemen could be charged with manslaughter after the Director of Public Prosecutions admitted that there had been an error of law in reaching her view not to charge them Page 6 force

Judicial partnership

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, proposed a new partnership between judges and ministers to give the judiciary input into government policymaking on the justice systemPage 8

Tenancy law battle The Government faced calls to reform the law after a man who lived with his homosexual part-

ner for almost 20 years lost his battle for the same succession rights as a spouse...... Page 9 Berisha resigns

More than two weeks after his landslide defeat in the Albanian general election, President Berisha resigned Page 14

Snatch called off

British forces in Bosnia came within minutes of seizing three indicted war criminals last March but the snatch operation was called off because insecure communications gave the game .. Page 15

German flood crisis

One of the sodden dykes holding back the torrential Oder river in eastern Germany finally burst, flooding low-lying villages and forcing residents to evacuate their

Liberian election

Charles Taylor, the Liberian warlord, won through the ballot box the power he had tried to take by .. Page 17

Hands-off driver takes to the road

■ No hands; no feet; not even any eyes. On one of America's first stretches of fully automated highway, scheduled to open in 2002, human driver input is discouraged. At a demonstration of the 7.6-mile stretch east of San Diego, a bus driver relinquished all control of his vehicle to a computer and several thousand magnets embedded in the tarmac....



Lord Cowdrey of Tonbridge, the former cricketer, at the House of Lords with his supporters, Lord Kingsdown (left) and Lord Bramall

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NatWest The Serious Fraud Office has decided not to investigate events at NatWest Markets that led to a £90 million "black hole" in the _Page 25

Economy: Household goods retailers enjoyed a record month in June as consumers rushed to spend their building society windfall .. Page 25 payouts ...

Building societies: Northern Rock. the building society that is due to float on the stockmarket in October, revealed a fall in half year profits of 27 per cent to £62.6

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Cricket: After satisfactory preparation for the fourth Test match England cannot afford to be defeated by Australia at Headingley with two matches to play Page 48 Football: £9 million is being raised

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to promote England's attempt to stage the 2006 World Cup, the highest figure spent in trying to bring an international sports event

Cycling: Neil Stephens, an Australian, rode to the biggest win of his professional career when he won the seventeenth stage of the Tour de ... Page 46

Recing: A crowd limit of 50,000 is to be introduced on each day of the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham next year after complaints by spectators about conditions Page 43

Cross-channel: Helena Bonham Carter displays her French in an unremarkable tale of Parisian yuppies, Portraits Chinois, also Palookaville, an endearing film about bungling crooks..... Page 33

Digging for posterity: A remarkable photographic montage has recorded the work of archaologists at the Iron-Age Segsbury Camp in Oxfordshire.....

Porgy moves to LA: Updated to present-day Los Angeles, Götz Friedrich's new staging of Porgy and Bess in Bregenz is a powerful demonstration of the continuing relevance of Gershwin......Page 35 Christie's return: At the Chichester

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We are selling: A windfull of sea adventures, from the Cutty Sark Tall Ship's Races to the Endeavour replica and Cowes Week... Page 41

Call me: How portable technology is working its way into our every-

In his National Day speech the Sovereign was clear in laying down the path to a new political culture At the same time the King reminded citizens that their legitimate rights always so hand in hand with duties. The citizen cannot preach from the moral pulpit if he is riddled with tax and social sec-

Preview: Can society ever forgive a paedophile? Hunting Bobby Oatway (Channel 4. 9pm). Review: Joe Joseph on acting that tries to tell the Pages 46, 47

Price of knowledge

Sir Ron Dearing has produced an admirable report and David Blunkett has shown real courage in extending its reach Page 21

Business and pleasure It will be several months before the precise mechanisms can be put in place to give effect to Mr Hague's intentions but he has, so far, shown a welcome seriousness of intent

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Eyeryone has accepted that the stahis quo in higher education is not an option. That is why we have agreed to decisive action .. Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

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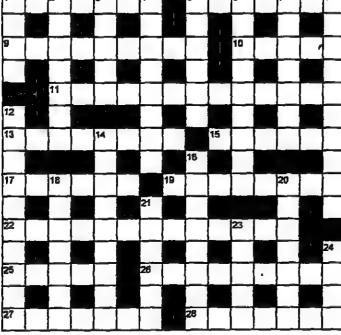
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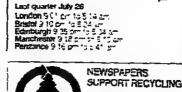
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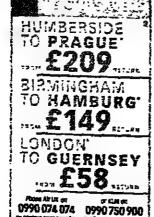
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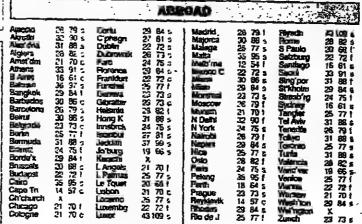
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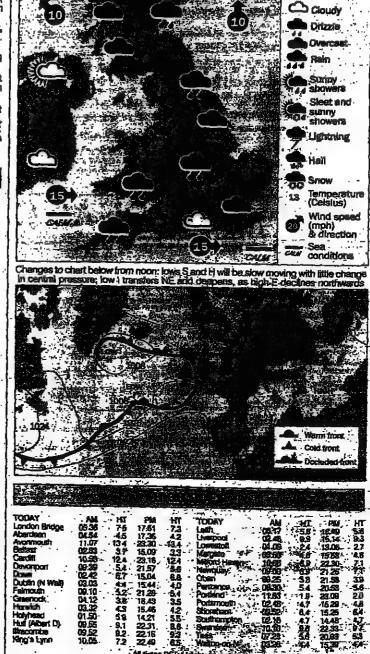
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Orkney, Shetland: early rain, stayler cloudy Light SE wind. Max 18C (61F). Outlook: line and bright tomonow but rain in north and west on Saturday

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By Jon Ashworth

THE Serious Fraud Office (SFO) has decided not to investigate the events at NatWest Markets that gave rise to a £90 million "black hole" linked to derivatives mispricing.
The SFO said that the

Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), which regulates City firms and individuals, was better placed to examine the wider implications of the case. An investigation with a view to a criminal prosecution was not justified. The pubhe interest would be "more appropriately satisfied" if the matter were dealt with through regulation.

Coopers & Lybrand, the & Paines, the law firm, concluded an independent re-port last month, pinning the blame for most of the losses on Kyriacos Papouis, a former NatWest interest rate options trader.

Mr Papouis incurred trading losses on mark and sterling options, then hid them by creating false profits. The losses and mispricing went undetectinternal controls.

Martin Owen resigned chief executive of NatWest Markets after the report's publication. The SFO said any inquiry would be restricted to a narrow area. By contrast, City regulators had the power to deal with all the individuals concerned and assess wider questions of

controls and supervision. It was felt that the particular complexities usually associated with an SFO case were absent in addition, there were no difficult areas of law to be considered and no requirement for highly involved investigatory accounting

NatWest welcomed the would end unhelpful speculation. It had co-operated fully with the preliminary SFO inquiry. The SFA is understood to be looking at the case, although there has been no announcement of a formal inquiry.

Six managers quit NatWest has taken steps to improve controls and pledged to continue to upgrade systems and con-trol infrastructure on the investment banking side.

Trouble had been brew ing at NatWest since December 1996, when Mr Papouis left after four years as an interest rate options trader. In March. NatWest announced that a E77 million "black hole" had been uncovered; the figure subsequently rising to £90 million.

Mr Papouis has de clined to comment on allegations that he covered up losses and created false profits over a two-year

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AND PHILIP BASSETT THE City is braced for another interest rate rise after retail sales data pointed to a 1980s-style high steet spending boom.

By Alasdair Murray

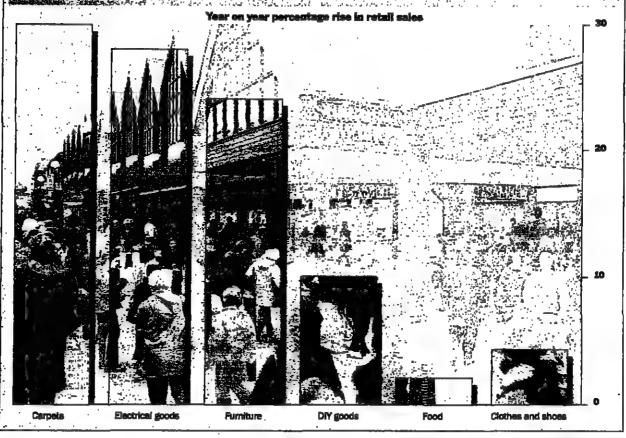
High street sales increased by an annual rate of 5.4 per cent in June as windfall related spending boosted sales of big ticket items.

Market speculation that rates will rise to 7 per cent next month sent the pound soaring on foreign exchanges. The pound climbed to DM3.0878 — its highest level since Sep-tember 1989 — before slipping in late trade to close up three pfennigs on the day at DM3.0712. Sterling's trade weighted index also touched an eight-year high of 106.7, before falling slightly to close up 0.9 on the day at 106.6.

The stock market continued its rebound as Wall Street climbed higher following Alan Greenspan's positive com-ments on Tuesday. The FTSE 100 jumped 85 points in early trading but finished just 27.8 higher at 4,824.5 New evidence that the high

level of the pound is beginning to seriously hurt exporters emerged in the latest British Chambers of Commerce quarport orders slumping to a five-

Economists said the new data coupled with the latest rise in the pound would heighten the "policy dilemma" faced by the Bank of England over further interest rate rises. But Eddie George, Gover-nor of the Bank of England, yesterday told the Treasury Select. Committee that he viewed some of the rise in the



ratic". Mr George insisted strength is as much connected to political developments surrounding EMU as with the

expectation of further interest

Mr George said: "The economic cycle explains part of the reason for the strength but

it is mostly associated with developements in Europe." The Governor also admitted that the Bank is uncertain as to the likely impact of windfall payments. But Mr George

rejected the charge of Oventin Grantham and Stamford, that the Government should have taken account of the payouts by raising taxation, insisting the Budget had gone "a long way in the right direction".

Economists said that with the quarterly average growth in high street sales now showing an annual rate of 5.3 per cent — the highest figure since December 1988 - there is a

Adam Cole, UK economist at James Cabel, gave warning that there is much more to come in terms of windfall spending and sales growth is

also strong in other sectors such as clothing and footwear. Andrew Cates, UK economist at UBS, said: "With sterling's strength doing much to dampen both domestic cost pressures and export demand. further increases in base rates are not warranted and would

ports over the next three months are falling - the lowest figure since 1992. But manufacturers' domestic sales and orders are broadly stable.

The separate British Cham-

bers of Commerce study of

more than 9.000 companies

showed export prospects drop-

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their forward orders for ex-

Graham Searjeant, page 29

BUSINESS TODAY

ers enjoyed a record month in June as consumers rushed to spend building society wind-Official data pointed to an extra £150 million of expendi-

almost certainly due to windfall-related spending on large purchase items. Overall sales of household goods increased 7.5 per cent from May and were 21 per cent up on last June - the

largest rise since January 1988. The biggest winners were carpet retailers, with sales up 30 per cent from last June, electrical goods, up 28 per cent, and furniture, up 24 per cent. DIY sales also increased

10 per cent on last year. Total high street sales rose 0.6 per cent from May, while the quarterly rate of increase jumped to 5.3 per cent — the highest figure since December

But the windfall-related spending, which added an estimated I percentage point to the index, masked a poor performance in other sectors of the high street, as the wet June weather took its toll.

Food sales fell 1.6 per cent from May, write sales in the non-specialised stores and non-store retailing and repair categories also declined. Sales of clothing and footwear fared slightly better, increasing 1.5 per cent from May, taking the annual rate to 4.4 per cent. Economists said that high

street spending could be even stronger this month as the improved weather should allow food sales to rebound, while there is likely to be more windfall-related spending.

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MONTH SEA OIL

Take off

Europe has decided not to block the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas after winning substantial concessions from the American aerospace companies. Page 26

Disappointment

Reuters Holdings, the information group. disappointed the market with a 3 per cent fall in profits and a share buyback that group's cash mountain. Page 27, Tempus 28

Northern Rock float costs hit £9m

By CAROLINE MERRELL

NORTHERN ROCK incurred costs of £9 million as it prepared to convert from building society to bank and float on the stock market later

Despite the Nationwide's determination to retain its status as a mutual, Northern Rock is convinced it will prosper as a bank when it obtains a listing in October. David Baker, executive director, said he hoped the building society would retain its independence after conversion. "We hope that our performance for shareholders will ensure our continued independence," he said. Members will receive an average windfall of £1,400.

Yesterday Northern Rock reported a 27 per cent decline in half-year pre-tax profits to

The society said it was trying to get its balance sheet in order before flotation. Mr Baker blamed the closure of its financial services division on the high costs of compliance. Staff from the division will be redeployed

elsewhere in the society. Pre-tax profits, excluding conversion costs and writedown of property, rose 10.2 per cent to £97 million, helped by

reduced costs. Net lending fell during the six months to £794 million, from £1.1 billion for the first half of 1996. Retail receipts rose to £531 million, from £302 million for the same period last year. The society said much of the new money came from the recently floated Halifax, Alliance & Leicester and Woolwich.

Nationwide vote, page 1



Adam Applegarth, executive director, Bob Bennett, group finance director, Leo Finn, chief executive, and David Baker

Analysts shocked at low price for exploration company

Ramco Energy takes over JKX for £54m

JKX Oil & Gas, the exploration company chaired by Sir Robert Horton, is to be taken over by Ramco Energy, an AIM-listed rival, for £54 million, a fraction at which JKX shares were sold to the public two years ago. Ramco Energy is making a paper offer worth 46p per share for JKX. Sir Robert, a former chairman of BP and currently chairman of Railtrack. brought the exploration group to the

market in July 1995 at 190p per share. Ramon said it had secured the backing However, despite owning a stake in big oil and gasfields in Ukraine, JKX never made much money in the former Soviet republic because local custom-

ers failed to pay for the gas it produced.
Oil analysts were shocked at the
price at which JKX had agreed to sell. NatWest Securities estimates JKX is worth El per share. Iain Reid, NatWest analyst, said: The management appear to have thrown in the towel, recommending such a low price."

of institutions accounting for 26 per cent of JKX shares.

These are likely to include Morgan Grenfell which, prior to a rights issue in February, owned 17 per cent of the company. Peter Young, the controver-sial Morgan Grenfell fund manager who left after the discovery of irregular dealings, is thought to have been a supporter of JKX. Capital Group, the US fund manager, held 12 per cent last

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April, and Mercury Asset Management, 5 per cent.

Ramco, whose shares have soared on the back of its interest in the huge oilfields in the Caspian Sea, is thought to be looking for a partner to reduce the risk of operating in the political turmoil of Ukraine. Bob McCrack, a new managing director, was brought in this year to cut costs at JKX.

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Rival lottery promises to make your day

By Jon Ashworth

A NEW lottery game with a jackpot of £100,000 is to go on sale in pubs, clubs, and airport lounges in November, creating the most serious challenge yet to the National Lottery.

Prontol, a rapid-draw lottery modelled on the American-style game Keno, will be backed with a £10 million national advertising campaign by the team, now at M&C Suatchi, that handled the original National Lottery launch.

Tickets will cost £1, and 20p of each ticket will go to a range of charities, including Mencap. The Samaritans, and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

The venture has been pioneered by Lord

scratchcards, including Poppy Day cards for the Royal British Legion, raised more than £5 million for charity. With scratchcards in decline. Lord Mancroft has turned his attention to online games, using a Camelot-style system linked to a mainframe computer.

Pronto! will be Jaunched in more than 2,000 outlets nationwide, including pubs, clubs, bars, restaurants, bowling alleys, airport lounges, service stations and shopping malls. The network is expected to peak at 10,000 outlets in early 1999. Punters will pick up to ten numbers from a field of 80. Draws will take place every five to 15 minutes throughout the day.

The venture will be welcomed by charities.

which have lost heavily to the National Lottery. Lord Mancroft said: "The charities that are going to benefit from Pronto! will be people charities: those concerned with children, the sick, the disabled, and the old. Medical research charities will also benefit." Unclaimed prizes and interest will be passed to the charities concerned.

Lord Mancroft is chairman of Inter Lotto UK), which will receive a management fee for its services. Former executives of the Massachusetts State Lottery have been recruited to run the venture. Crown Leisure, the slot machine company with a 50 per cent stake in Inter Lotto, will service and install lottery terminals and advise on distribution and much

of the funding will be provided by MMK, a lottery supplier. Players will typically pick three, four or five numbers, potentially winning them £50, £120 or £300. Ten correct numbers win £100,000. Roy Fisher, managing director of Inter Lotto (UK), said: "It's not going to change your life, but it might make your day."

Camelot is tipped to launch its own Kenostyle game, but has yet to win regulatory approval. Lord Mancroft said: "We are not a tinpot operation and are fully capitalised. We have the best lottery team in the world and in Crown Leisure have one of the leaders of the leisure industry." Prontol retailers will receive commission of about 10 per cent on ticket sales. double the amount paid by Camelot.

Pace hit

by third

warning

BY FRASER NELSON

SHARES of Pace Micro

Technology fell to a low

yesterday as the set-top decod-

er producer gave warning

that the slow emergence of the

digital television market had

Returning flat pre-tax profits

of £18.4 million (£18.2 million)

for the year to May 31, the

company, whose chairman is Peter Morgan, said mergers

and takeovers among the lead-

ing European television players

had slowed the emergence of

The warning, its third in six

months, caused the shares to

drop 15 per cent to a low of 53 p — against its flotation. price of 172p last summer. Earnings fell to 5.7p a share

(6.1p). Pace, which was found-

ed by David Hood, is paying

a final dividend of LSp, mak-

ing a total 27p.
Sales of analogue decoders
dropped from £53 million to

£32 million in the second half.

However, the sales from digital services advanced only 7.7

Analysts said consumers are putting off buying a new analogue TV in the expect

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The future is Orange for 1m eustomers'

ORANGE, the mobile telephone network, yesterday claimed a million customers on its books, giving the company a 13.5 per cent market share. Orange, ranked third behind Vodafone and Celhiet has been steadily lifting its market share since last year's flotation. At its last results, published in March, the company said it had raised its stake to 11.5 per cent from 7 per cent the previous year. The company still has substantial ground to make up on the two leaders, which both have more than 212 million customers each.

Orange plans to lift its coverage to 96 per cent of the population from 92 per cent currently. Heavy investment pushed Orange deeper into loss last year, when it went £229 million into the red. Orange claims the turnover of customers within a year is the lowest in the market at 18.6 per cent, against an industry average of 28 per cent.

Business superstore

PLANS to create a "business superstore" of information to help companies to cope with regulations from central and local government are being drawn up by ministers. A Whitehall committee, chaired by Peter Killoyle, junior Public Service Minister, met for the first time yesterday to identify new ways to cut red tape and make life simpler for business people, particularly those with small and medium-sized companies. Among ideas being considered are making official forms available on the Internet.

Shake-up lifts Bullough

BULLOUGH, the industrial engineering group that has been restructured, reported a rise in profits to £8.4 million from £3.1 million before tax and exceptional items in the half year to April 30. Adjusted earnings rose to 4.77p (1.12p) a share; while the interim dividend rose to 1.29p (1.17p). Profits from continuing operations increased to £8.8 million (£5.45 million) and disposals resulted in a £17.5 million fall in net borrowings. Sir Michael Pickard, chairman, said Bullough was now "a balanced and focused group". The shares rose 2 ap to 95p.

Sales boost for NU

SHARES in Norwich Union rose on new lawiness figures released yesterday. Total UK life and pension business rose E561 million in the first six months of the war, compared with E471 million. However, new business of Australia and other non-European Union territories was down from £150 million to £120 million. Total sales of consolidated life insurance, personal equity plans and unit trustiscese £929 million (£800 million). The bulk of the LIK life sales increase came from independent financial advisors. The shares rose 7 bp to 322p.

News Corp Fox victory

TIME WARNER isc and The News Corporation have reached an agreement that would allow the latter's Fox News to be aired on the New York city explesystem, over which Time Warner has a virtual stranglehold. The deal represents a victory for News-Corp, parent company of The Times. It ends a nine-month dispute that kept Fox off the air in America's largest city. Time Warner's cable system will no longer block the 24-hour news channel, seen as a rival to CNN. News Corp will also gain access to 65 per cent of the Time Warner systems across the US.

Euro Disney revenue up

EURO DISNEY, operator of the Disneyland Paris theme park, (£143 million). The increase was driven principally by growth in park attendance and hotel occupancy, combined with a small increase in average guest spending throughout the resort. Since the start of fiscal 1997, operating revenues have grown 10.6 per cent to Fr3.7 billion, against the same period last year. Paribas, the broker, issued a "sell" note yesterday, saying interest and other costs will hold back net income.

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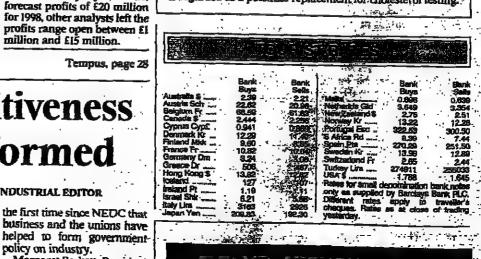
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PRE-TAX profits at Brewin Dolphin the private client stockbroker, use 48 per cent to £4.1 million in the first half of 1997, despite organing costs relating to the introduction of Crest, the City's electronic share settlement system. Profits included a £196,000 one-off gain from the sale of a stake in an associated company. Operating costs increased by nearly £2 million to £20.1 million fuelled by Crest investment. Earnings were 10.8p a share (7.8p). The interim dividend of 3p (2.5p) will be paid on October 1

Shield-Abbott deal

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the Dundee firm best known for its potential heart disease test, has agreed a five-year deal, with Abbott Laboratories, the large US healthcare group, that will enable it to use Abbott's instruments. The first product will be a test for Lyme disease, which is contracted in forested areas and which can cause skin rash and rheumatic. pain. It is thought Shield is talking to Abbott about using its instruments for the more important AFT heart disease, which is regarded as a potential replacement for cholesterol testing.



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EU decides not to block **Boeing** merger

By Charles Bremner and Tom Rhodes

THE European Commission has decided not to block the \$15 billion (£8.4 billion) merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas after winning substantial concessions from the American aerospace com-

Boeing agreed to drop its controversial exclusive suppli-er contracts with three US

Brussels quickly claimed victory after a transatlantic trade war was averted at the last minute. The Commission had for weeks been expected to ban the merger at its scheduled meeting yesterday. The

Eureko to bid for Gan

BY PAUL DURMAN

EUREKO, the European insurance alliance that includes the UK's Friends Provident is preparing a bid for Gan, the statea first step towards a stock market listing.

Eureko claims to be Europe's seventh largest insurance group but it does not own its six partner companies, which run their domestic businesses separately. The umbrella company at the centre of the alliance principally handles the partners' international business.

Jeff Medlock, Eureko's chief executive, suggested Eureko is worth up to £750 million. The addition of Gan would create a substantial business capable of flotation.

However. Topdanmark. Eureko's Danish partner, is not willing to support a hid for GAN, because it is "concerned about its shareholders'

Gan has lost billions of francs over the past three years, mainly because of provisions against bad debts of its CIC banking arm. Gan's privatisation has been delayed by the French election, but is expected to go ahead by the end of the year. The business could fetch up to 20 billion francs (El.9 billion).

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Commission officials could barely disguise their delight after what they saw as flinching by Boeing under the threat of the imposition of heavy EU

Boeing's eleventh-hour concessions were hailed as vindication of the Commission's insistence that it has authority to police the terms of an all-American business deal with global implications.

Karel Van Miert, the EU Competition Commissioner who led the negotiations, said: This was a vital battle in terms of competition policy. There was broad agreement in the Commission. The remedies the Commission was striving for have largely been

Mr Van Miert's aggressive handling of the politically delicate affair was a gamble that seems to have paid off, reinforcing the EU's regulatory muscle on the world

The outcome was a "victory for determination. Mr Van Miert said. "No state alone could have achieved a result

A White House statement professed satisfaction at the outcome. President Clinton helped to broker the deal in telephone calls to European

Jack Metcalf, a Congressman with a big Boeing plant in his district in Washington State, said Boeing's concessions were merely face-saving for Europe. He said: "Giving up the exclusive contracts in name only is more face saving for Europe than any great

Boeing agreed not to conclude any new exclusive aircraft supply contracts with airlines before August 1, 2007. It also agreed not to enforce the exclusivity provisions in its existing contracts with Continental. Delta and American Airlines.

The company had conceded in earlier negotiations to li-cense any know-how obtained under military contracts if used in Boeing's commercial aviation business. Mr Van Miert said the Commission had also received a commitment that Boeing would not use its position vis-a-vis current McDonnell airline customers as leverage to obtain an advantage in sales of new



Peter Morgan, left, and David Hood, chief executive, said deals among TV players had held back the service

Electricity market opens up to competition next year

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than two million households will be able to buy their electricity from competing suppliers by next July, under plans laid out yesterday

Homes in areas currently served by Seeboard, Eastern and Yorkshire Electricity will be the first to benefit from the competitive market starting next April. These companies will be the first to lose their

local monopolies. The introduction of competition in the supply of electricity has been beset by arguments between the regulator and

existing suppliers. As only Seeboard and Yorkshire will be ready for business on day one only about 700.000 customers will be able remaining 1.3 million coming in as their regional company gets its technology running. Competition is being phased

in by postcode in three stages. Towns and cities included in the first phase are: Boiton, Bury, Horwich, Ramsbottom, Chester, Buckley, Connah's Quay, Holywell, Mold, Canterbury, Deal, Dover, Folkestone. Herne Bay. Isle of Thanet.

le-Street, Consett, Houghtonle-Spring, Hull, Beverley, Hessle, Hedon, Hornsea, Inverness, Elgin, Isle of Skye, well, Airdrie, Coatbridge, Lanark, Nottingham. Norwich. Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Cromer, Fakenham, Wymondham, Swansea, Greenwich. Lewisham, Southhampton, Lymington, Eastleigh, Romsey, Winchester, Torquay, Ashburton, Brixham, Dartmouth, Salcombe, Teign-mouth, Walsall, Cannock, Lichfield, Rugeley.

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Tesco squares up to banks

BY NATHAN YATES



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Bank of Scotland.

Tesco Personal Finance will provide banking, loans, insurance, investment vehicles, pensions and mortgages by July next year in an aggressive drive to target high street bank and building society

group, yesterday launched a

new personal finance service

in partnership with Royal

customers. Shoppers will see banks in Tesco branches by the autumn, some of which may be open 24 hours a day. There will also be round-the-clock phone banking services. The

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and cashpoint facility run in conjunction with Bank of Scotland, has taken more than E550 million in deposits since its launch in February.

first products - a Tesco Visa TESCO, the supermarket credit card, a remodelled Clubcard, and Tesco travel insurance - will be intro-

of Tesco Personal Finance, said: "We aim to offer products that will suit people's lifestyles. They will be convenient, jargon-free and value for money." About 1,000 jobs

Sainsbury Bank, a phone

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

appointed prominent figures unions to a new body that will advise ministers on improving the competitiveness of UK companies.

The body includes Adair Turner. Director-General of the Confederation of British industry, and John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC. Other members include Sir Terence Conran, a prominent Labour supporter, Ian Gib-son, the Nissan chief executive. and John Edmonds. leader of the GMB union.

Tesco. Glaxo Wellcome, BP. Guinness and British Aerospace are represented on the 19-strong body, which includes a number of heads of smaller businesses. Ministers denied the move

was a return of tripartite

the first time since NEDC that business and the unions have helped to form governmentpolicy on industry.

Margaret Beckett, President

Competitiveness panel formed

THE Government yesterday from industry and trade

industry/union bodies such as the former National Economic Development Council, but the establishment of the advisory group on competitiveness is

of the Board of Trade, said she wanted the Government's commitment to partnership to be "more than warm words". and the advisory group was the first step in making that ambition a reality.

Announcing the formation of the new body at her first

Competitiveness UK summit, Mrs Beckett said the Government's aim was to find a "third way" between centralised control and leaving everything to the free market, which would give "clearly identified and agreed roles and responsi-bility to the Government and to business

As well as announcing a £30 million programme to help scientific investment, Mrs Beckett said she was considering setting up a unit to identify understand industries

High school reunion? Guess you'll be taking the company car along.

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RES ROUNDUP : future is Orange There are three good reaim customers sons for welcoming the defeat of Michael Hardern and his fellow pirates in their attempt to hijack the good ship Nationwide and convert it into a bank, to the enrichment of its Table 1 three and a half million members. One is economic, one a

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is purely practical.

The last thing the British economy needs is anything up to £7 billion dumped on the highstreet in time for next summer's sales, with the promise of plenty more to come as the dwindling band of surviving building soci-eties are picked off by marauding bands of carpetbaggers. The retail sales figures make this perfectly clear; the growth is in those consumer items whose prices neatly coincide with the

matter of principle and the third

average windfall.
On this analysis, the inevirable rises in interest rates in coming months might not have been enough to choke off this supply of fresh money. They would instead have made life difficult for mortgage holders who were not recipients of demutualisation fargesse, and for manufacturing as the pound headed inexorably for two dollars. And still, as the next batch of building society mem-bers received their payoffs, the spending spree would continue. On a matter of principle, there

may be no proof that the continuing existence of building societies modifies the rates charged by the converted and by existing Carpetbaggers at bay



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

hardy to allow societies to join the great auk and the dodo while the theory is unproven. In ten years' time we might need them again. Even more foolhardy to have seen mass extinction driven by the worst sort of shorttermism, the desire of the greedy for a few bob more. On a practical note, while the antics of Michael Hardern may have enlivened the campaign,

they have given no one who has met him confidence that he was ideal for the board of Nationwide or for any other business. His style of dress, his choice of venues for public appearances. his abrupt changes of opinion. these are between him and his psychiatrist. But his decision to base his campaign on sheer greed — "If you want £1,000, vote for me" — hardly suggests a coherent business plan.

banks. But it would seem fool-

The same may not be true of his four fellow rebels, but the voting figures do not suggest that the opposition to him was personal. He polled a few thousand votes less than they managed, true, but the poll in favour of the incumbents, and for mutual status, was overwhelming, and almost three times higher.

that this puts a lid on the matter. Alas, not so, because anyone is entitled, at this or any other society, to repeat the process. Those who call on legal action to

curb carpetbagging simply miss the point. The mutual movement won this battle by defending its inherent qualities from change. It would be perverse if the victory was followed by fundamental change brought about by Parliament rather than by carpetbagging,

The Bank that needs to say no

s part of the consumer A boom currently gripping the country, the Bank of England's monetary policy committee should all might buy themselves a new pair of spectacles each. These glasses will allow the venerable economists and central bankers to view the storming retail sales figures in the same way that they see the storming pound. Either they take both these economic facts of life into the reckoning when deciding whether to put up interest rates,

or ignore both.

Eddie George told the Treasury Select Committee yesterday that the 25 per cent rise in sterling in a year was irrational. And because the Bank believes rise is irrational and somehow relates to EMU, it does not see how increasing interest rates will effect it. So it is largely ignoring the pound when deciding on interest rates. Meanwhile the few bits of British industry which still make and export things are having a dreadful time trying to

compete at DM3.06 to the pound. At the same time the Bank is all in a tizzy about consumer spending — believing the econ-omy is in danger of overheating like a badly wired toaster. But if you take a close look at the consumer boom the UK is enjoying is is being driven by building society windfalls. The Bank may say windfalls are the froth and the underlying growth is too strong. But this boom has an air of being short lived.

What are people buying? Carpets, furniture and electrical goods. They are investing in their homes. You only buy new home furnishings every few years (unless you own cats). These sectors suffered during the early 1990s and it looks like many people may be making the expensive household purchases they put off a few years ago becaue they were afraid of losing their jobs. Also this bout of avid consumer spending is quite likely to choke off an element of future expenditure on household products in

the next two or three years. The Nationwide vote indicates the building society conversion boom could be over, and with it this short-term consumer boom. This time next year — without an there is a fair bet that we will be

sing a fall in retail sales. So this apparent boom looks like a temporary blip. Meanwhile the strong pound looks like a real problem. If the Bank wants to ignore something, it should ig-nore consumer sales, because the pound will rise if interest rates are put up again. And that rise will not be irrational and will not be welcome.

The Wright decision

The new director of the Serious Fraud Office, Rosalind Wright, has quickly learnt the art of the possible. By deciding not to get involved in the investigation of the £77 million options mispricing scandal at NatWest Markets, she has avoided the SFO spending many months, and possibly many millions of pounds, pursuing a case that it would be difficult to bring to court and virtually impossible to

explain to a jury.
Indeed if there had been any crime, it would have been in the concealment of the losses, not actualy making the losses in the first place. This would be akin to pursuing a bank robber for

speeding in the getaway car. So Mrs Wright, who came from the Securities and Futures Authority, has said it is an SFA

This should please Kyriacos Papouis and co, because going by past performance, the SFA does not consider concealing losses to be that big an issue. Take the case of Bruce Baer, a bond dealer at Banque Paribas. Three years ago he lost £6.25 million in two days, hiding the losses from his bosses. The SFA investigated.

fined him £5,000 and said he could retain his SFA registration. Of course the NatWest Mar-kets case is fundamentally dif-ferent. It is a lot more money, involves a high street bank and has brought about the resignations of some senior City figures. But if Mr Papouis's lawyers are worth their money, they will be studying the Bruce Baer case very closely indeed.

If not now, when?

WHY DO the "shareholders of Formula One Holdings" (meaning Bernie Ecclestone) feel the need to put out a statement saying Salomon Brothers is their "exclusive financial advisor" advising on "a number of stategic alternatives" with "an initial public offering" the "preferred course of action"? Surely there can never have been any doubt about this. The interesting line is "no decision has even been

LVMH tops up **GrandMet** holdings

Bernard Arnault, the head of LVMH who on Tuesday pushed his stake in Grand Metropolitan past 10 per cent, kept up the pressure against the proposed merger of GrandMet with Guinness yesterday by increasing his holding in GrandMet.

Market sources said M Armault had continued his tactic of switching out of Guinness and into Grand-Met, though the amounts are thought to have been negligible compared with Tuesday's frenetic trading.

It was confirmed yesterday that LVMH reduced its stake in Guinness from 14.2 per cent to 12.46 per cent, while raising its holding in GrandMet from 6.37 per cent to 11.05 per cent.

Volumes in the two companies yesterday were around double normal levels, with Guinness shedding 612p to 59112p and GrandMet 5p to 617p.

M Arnault, who has resigned as a non-executive director of Guinness, is due in London today to meet analysts and institutions to discuss his proposal that Guenness and GrandMet should merge their drinks arms with LVMH's Moet Hennessy and spin off food and brewing interests.

Further meetings are planned next-week, but a spokesman for the Frenchman said they should not be interpreted as an institutional roadshow.

Budget blamed

British Steel yesterday took a further swipe at the Government's economic policies, blaming weak fiscal measures in the Budget for the strength of sterling. The company, which is

accelerating a restructuring programme involving thousands of redundancies because of the impact of the strong pound, urged the Chancellor ahead of the Budget to increase

At British Steel's annual meeting, Sir Brian Moffat, chairman and chief executive, said: "We support the Government's battle to keep inflation at low levels but believe it is unrealistic to put virtually all the pressure for these actions on interest rates, when governments of other European member states are using fiscal policy rather than interest rates as their response to the threat of inflation."

ICI director

ICI, the chemicals group, has appointed Sir Alex Trotman, the chairman and chief executive of Ford Motor Company, as a nonexecutive director.



Reuters disappoints City with mere £200m buyback

REUTERS HOLDINGS, the information group, disappointed the market yesterday with a 3 per cent fall in profits and a share buyback that returns less than a fifth of the group's El billion plus cash mountain to shareholders.

Reuters shares fell IIp to 598's p as Bob Rowley, finance director, put the blame on the Government. He said that the high pound had hit the currency translation of overseas earnings and that the present tax regime did not encourage large kandouts. The cash issue has been

gnawing at Reuters for some me. It had to drop a, 1613 million handout last year after Kenneth Clarke, the previous Chancellor, changed the

Mr Rowley said the tax changes in Gordon Brown's first Budget, which removed dividend tax credit for pension funds, were the "first move to creating a level playing field".

The proposed £200 million buyback would stop the cash pile from growing further this year. But Peter Job, chief executive, said that the group could not go further unless the tax regime changed.

He added: "We're making this as big as we can within the tax capacity we have. The



Peter Job, chief executive, said the group could not go further with the buyback unless the tax regime changed

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effect of this will be to stop the accumulation of cash in the enterprise but not to come to grips with the excess cash we're holding which we would

rather shareholders had."

Although Mr Job would not

rule out using the money to buy other information companies, he said: "We don't

want to be pushed into lax availability of cash mountains or into inappropriate acquisitions."

months to June 30. Reuters blamed the strong pound, saying that in local currency

interim dividend of 3.1p pay-The group's pre-tax profits fell to £333 million for the six able on September 8, an increase of 8 per cent.

Reuters said that it was well on the way to quantifying the cost of the millennium prob-

Earnings fell 3 per cent to

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currently visiting many of its

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Executive rejig at Burton ahead of demerger

THE Burton Group has taken another step down the path to demerger by making a raft of senior appointments at Debenhams and the rump fashion chains business.

Staff were told yesterday that Richard Maney, at present in charge of home shopping, will become executive director in charge of brands and home shopping at the fashion chains business.

This job had been offered to Stuart Rose, a Burton director, but he left when the demerger was announced. Mr Rose is now a contender to fill the vacancy of chief

executive at WH Smith. Keith Cameron, who has had control of logistics, property services and retail design and development, will become executive director of stores, personnel and operations at the fashion chain business.

This side of the business which will be run by John Hoerner, current group chief executive - includes Dorothy Perkins, Burton Menswear. Principles. Top Shop and Evans and is as yet

unnamed. The company is running a competition to find a name

for the new holding company Both Mr Maney and Mr Cameron will report directly to Mr Hoerner. Debenhams will be run by Terry Green. the current chief executive. Peter Kaursland will be managing director and Matthew Roberts finance director. Martin Clifford-King will be chief financial controller, the company said yesterday.

Nigel Hall, who runs the group information systems at present, has been appointed demerger director. He will leave the group after the

process is completed. The appointments mean that all the executive director roles at the two companies are now filled. One or two nonexecutives will need to be appointed to complete each board before the demerger.

Burton is planning to sell its group headquarters on Great Castle Street in the West End

The cost of redundancies the number of which has yet to be determined — as well as the savings expected from the demerger will be known to the company in September, but may not be announced until the demerger prospectus goes to shareholders in mid-December.

'Cleaned-up' Ohmeda could sell for £1bn

BY PAUL DURMAN

CFTY analysts believe BOC Group's sale of Ohmeda, its healthcare business, could raíse close to £1 billion. Estimates for the value of

Ohmeda, whose business is based around anaesthetic gases, range from about £700 million. Although Ohmeda has suffered a sharp fall in profits in recent years after Forane lost its protection against generic competition. some believe bidders may be prepared to pay about two times sales, which were £506 million last year. One commentator said:

Any buyer will be able to convince themselves that there's some profits growth to come out. It's still making a 16 per cent return on capital." Danny Rosenkranz, BOC's chief executive, has asked JP Morgan, the investment bank, to find a buyer for Ohmeda



despite repeatedly insisting last year that he did not intend to sell the business. Ohmeda has about 4,800 employees in 30 countries.

Mr Rosenkranz said Ohmeda was at a cross-roads, and BOC had to decide "either to invest in it or get out". He added: "It's been cleaned up.

coming through. It's a business which could be made into quite a success ... subject to putting serious money into it." BOC's industrial gas busi-nesses soaked up £621 million Ohmeda's decline in profits.

from £99 million in 1992 to £53 million last year, has prompted numerous calls for its sale. However, Mr Rosenkranz said BOC was not simply responding to such pressure: This is our decision."

He said Forane prices had stabilised after a long decline. BOC recently applied for US regulatory approval for a nitric oxide treatment of respiratory failure, including "blue baby" syndrome. Mr Rosenkranz has said this has the potential to be Ohmeda's most important product since

Sunderland scores a £3.1m profit

SUNDERLAND fans suffered the disappointment of relegation to the First Division for next season, but the club's first results since coming to the stock market show it has returned to profit.

The pre-tax figure of £3.1 million for the year to May 31 is slightly ahead of the estimates laid in its float prospectus and is an improvement on the pro forma £2.37 million loss for 1996. The shares closed unchanged at 355p yesterday. They were placed at 585p each in December 1996.

The club is gearing up for the move to a £15 million. 42,000-seat purpose-built stadium at Monkwearmouth next Wednesday, in time for a pre-season friendly against Ajax, after leaving Roker Park.

a share, against losses of 19.8p

previously. A dividend of 3.2p is Tempus, page 28 to be paid on November 4.

Rosy result with less cider

Matthew Clark plays down impact of alcopops

MATTHEW CLARK, the drinks company, yesterday sought to shed its image as a victim of alcopops by showing that its Diamond White and Blackthorn ciders generate less than half its overall profits. The company's shares rose 4p to 246'2 as it detailed its profits breakdown for the first time, to prove that it is far less exposed to the shrinking cider market than many analysts feared. Peter Aikens,

chief executive said: "We took this

decision because the view of the world is

branded drinks business with a strong wholesale arm, which is doing very well." One analyst said: "We expected cider profits to fall quite sharply, but it appears Matthew Clark is slightly better balanced than we had given it credit for."

Overall pre-tax profits declined 4 per cent to £40.6 million in the year to April 30, after cider sales came in £12 million lower than expected, leaving group sales at £571 million (£451 million). Mr Aikens admitted the company had underestimated the fragility of the Dia-

mond White brand when it cut back on advertising. Cider sales fell 13 per cent in

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the year to April 30, when the total market shrunk 3 per cent. Its share of the market fell from 41 per cent to 37 per cent, and is

expected to drop another point this year.

Profits from the wholesale business rose to £7 million, from £2.7 million, through first-time contributions from new stores. Mr Aiken ruled out any further acquisitions this year.

Earnings fell to 18.4p (31.9p) a share. The total dividend is held at 24p a share, with a final 15p due on October 17. No dividend increase is expected this year.

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MICHAEL CLARK

Bulls run again on Fed Chairman's comments

CITY investors were riding high on the back of upbeat comments by Alan Green-span, Federal Reserve Chairman, to Congress about the US economy.

Supported by the positive response overnight to his views by Wall Street, prices raced ahead in London, but were unable to maintain the early pace. Retail sales during June were higher than expected, largely because of building society windfalls.

At one stage the FTSE 100 index was almost 35 points higher before the profit-makers moved in as Wall Street gave upearly gains. The FTSE 100 closed 27.8 up at 4,874.5. with the FTSE 250 20.0 higher at 4.4Sl.S. A total of \$40 million shares changed

Grand Metropolitan retreated 5p to 617p despite the fact that LVMH was again adding to its holding. It has been confirmed that Bernard Arnault's luxury goods group has raised its stake to 232.7 million shares, or 11.05 per cent. To help to finance the stakehuilding, it has reduced its 14 per cent stake in Guinness, down 612p at 5911 ap to 236 million shares, or 12.46 per cent.

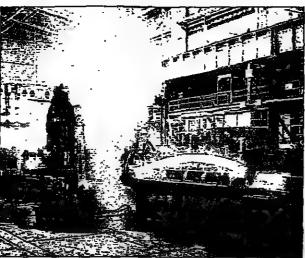
M Arnault wants to merge the drinks interests of all three companies and has opposed the £24 billion merger be tween GrandMet and Guinness.

The "for sale" sign has gone up on BOC Group's healthcare operation. The asking price is reckoned to be £1 billion, which has pleased a market expecting the proceeds to reduce greatly the group's £1.7 billion debt mountain. The shares rose 69p to £11.4112 on turnover of 3.5 million

As expected, the strong pound took its toll of first-half figures from Reuters, down 130 at 598120, and the group admitted that revenues and earnings would be affected in the second half. Peter Job. chief executive, has confirmed plans to buy back £200 million worth of shares.

The strong pound is continuing to bite deep into profit margins at British down to at 1553 sp. But shareholders at the annual meeting were told by Sir Brian Moffat, chairman, that he was optimistic about prospects.

Worried also by the effect of a strong pound, Ailied Colloids slipped 312p to 111p, but



British Steel shares dipped 1p. but the chairman is upbeat

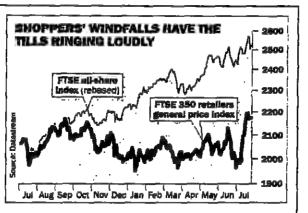
ICI firmed 312p to 925p as NatWest Securities, the broker, urged clients to continue

adding to their holdings.

There are still sellers of Shield Diagnostics at the higher levels as the company atempts to repair the damage done to its share price earlier this year by some corrupted laboratory tests. Yesterday the price raced up to 60712p on the back of its latest deal with

Abbott Laboratories. The price closed 1712p off at 550p as 300,000 shares were traded in a thin market.

Biocompatibles was another volatile market, with the price touching £10.35 after being moved to comment about recent weakness in the shares. The group says that talks with Johnson & Johnson. aimed at agreeing a licensing deal for its phosphorylcholine



The tide of windfall cash from building societies converting into banks found its way into retailers' tills last month. The cash accounted for the 0.6 per cent rise in retail sales to 5.4 per cent Vear-on-vear.

Rod Forest, of Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. was not surprised by the outcome. "The effects of the windfall on sales has been entirely consistent with the upbeat trading statement out recently from Dixons. Big ticket items, such as carpets, furniture, electrical goods and do-it-yourself, all benefited." he said.

Furniture sales were 24 per cent up, electrical goods 28 per cent high per cent higher and carpets 30 per cent stronger. As to be expected, it was Dixons that led the retailers higher with a jump of lip to 556p. Mr Forest continues to view Dixons as one of the better

buys in the sector. He said that the rest was as expected. The wet weather during June affected sales of clothing and footwear. Those to be hit by this are retailers such as Marks & Spencer, up 2½p at 588½p, and Burton, 1½p firmer at 131 4 p.

were continuing. The shares closed a further 812p cheaper

neering stood out with a leap of 1512p at 7012p as specula-tion mounted that it will soon announce an agreed cash offer from Britannia, Britannia was unchanged at 30p.

terms lifted Colleagues Group 16p to 9312p. Moore Corporation, a Canadian company, is offering 95p a share, valuing the direct marketing group at £21.6 million.

Bid terms from Rameo Energy lifted JKX Oil & Gas 312p to 4722p. The all-share offer values JKX at around 46.3p a share, or E54 million. Ramco firmed 30p to £11.5712.

The near 4 per cent rise in half-year profits from Spargo Consultants did little to impress brokers, but the 13 per cent increase in the dividend was seen as a positive move. The price rose 212p to 11412p. with brokers forecasting £1.45 million for the full year.

There were two newcomers to AIM. Kingfisher Leisure made an encouraging start. Placed at 160p, the shares opened at 17312p before dip-ping to 17212p. They closed at 17312p, a premium of 1312p. Citadel Holdings was placed at 100p and opened at

10512p. After touching a peak for the day of 10912p, the price eventually closed at 10612p, a premium of 612p.

GILT-EDGED: London re-

sponded to the overnight en-thusiasm shown by US Treasury bonds to the Fed Chairman's view of the US economy and the strong pound. Prices at the longer end surged by around £! and investors clamoured for stock in the latest Bank of England

In the futures pit, brokers reported brisk business as the September series of the long gilt jumed £50 to £115916. A total of 123,000 contracts were completed.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Too much cash

about novice oil companies

launched with a fanfare and

the backing of big names. The question is whether

Ramco will be able to do

better. The buyer starts with

JKX made the mistake of taking on the expense of

operating in Ukraine, run-

ning up overheads of £7 million last year on turnover

more sensible strategy.

ON THE day that Scottish Widows decided that cash is king. Reuters was mouning that it could not get rid of its hoard. The saga of the group's El billion money mountain has engulfed what used to be considered an exciting, go-ahead, multimedia organisation. Today, Reuters has more of the look of a boring utility with a management in search of

a mission. Reuters should be a great deal more dynamic than it is. It has an unparalleled database of historical data, a formidable network of information gatherers providing up-to-the-minute news and financial information and a client base that would be the envy of most technology companies. It also throws off a lot of cash — £409 million in the first half of this year - which it could be investing in all sorts of clever things to sell to its clients, or

novel distribution systems that would make its database accessible to the world and its personal computer.

Instead, Reuters has merely floundered around trying to give the money back to its shareholders, with little success, blaming the Government for its predicament. It is time for Peter Job to wake up. The Reuters growth machine is now suffering a fall in profits. Blaming the strong pound will do little to restore Reuters shares to their premium.

In the next few months Reuters will reveal the full extent of its millennium problems, which could well be another blow to the reputation of this media monolith. Meanwhile, monetary union will not help Reuters' foreign exchange information services one iota. This company needs to run ever faster to stand still. but it appears to be slowing. So will the shares.

of just £15 million. Ramco's

biggest success in Azerbaijan

has been in the role of fixer,

putting together a deal, re-

taining a minority invest-ment and bringing in top oil

companies with expertise

and capital to do the job.

Ramco will need to find a

partner in Ukraine, and it

could prove less investor-friendly than Azerbaijan.

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Ramco/JKX Oil

IF ANYONE can make money from gas in Ukraine, is probably Steve Remp, chief executive of Ramco, the oil services group turned exploration company that has bid £54 million for JKX Oil & Gas. Ramon is getting JKX for a song - just 46p per share compared with estimates of its asset value of about El per share,

JKX is cheap not because of its prospects but because of its record. The company has attractive assets. In particular a 49 per cent interest in the Poltava field, which contains 80 million barrels of oil and gas. JKX is producing in one of the world's largest gas markets, but getting paid is another matter. Last year's E2.4 million loss included a provision of £1.6 million after

a contract collapsed.

JKX is a salutary lesson.



BOC

AFTER endless badgering about its underperforming healthcare business, BOC has finally given in to the sceptics and put Ohmeda up for sale. So much for last year's assurances to the contrary. Ohmeda's profits have fallen from £99 million to £53million over the past five years, but the gases group had been claiming that the healthcare company was set

for a revival. That is still the story but the turnround has been delayed. Ohmeda was not helped by a Zeneca patent extension, which hurt plans to launch a generic treatment BOC claims it faced a choice of making a heavy investment commitment to Ohmeda, or finding a new owner. Given the existing demands on capital from the core gases businesses, there could only be one answer.

JP Morgan can still dress Ohmeda up quite nicely. The long fall in the price of

Technology indicates that Forane, the anaesthetic gas that contributed profits of television is not being £123 million in 1992, has revolutionised either. Pace came to the market almost — and it still has more last year billed as the company that had everything. On than half the market. Profits the eve of the digital broad-casting age, it had contracts from the rest of the business.

which includes anaesthesis to supply a third of the decodmachines and catheters, have been steadily rising. Also ers for the BSkvB-backed coming up is a potentially important treatment for res-British Interactive Broadcasting - a key position in a potentially huge market.
Twelve months on, and we piratory failure and "blue baby" syndrome. are still waiting. The City is Optimists suggest BOC could receive almost £1 bilgetting impatient and the

lion for Ohmeda, which shares have lost 80 per cent of would give BOC funds to, their value. Pace will just expand its gases business have to wait, but for how further. Hoechst's decision to 5 long? BIB has put its digital concentrate on phaemaceuti- brogramming back until next spring. The huge cloud of un-certainty hovering over the cals may present one opportamity, since BOC is company makes its crippled relatively weak in continental Europe. shares still seem too much of Pace

GIL SCOTT-HERON, the

jazz musician, once famously

said that the revolution will

not be televised. A glance at the share price of Pace Micro

a gamble. In the mean time, consumers are waiting for the digital age before buying a new analogue decoder, creating a nasty hole in its

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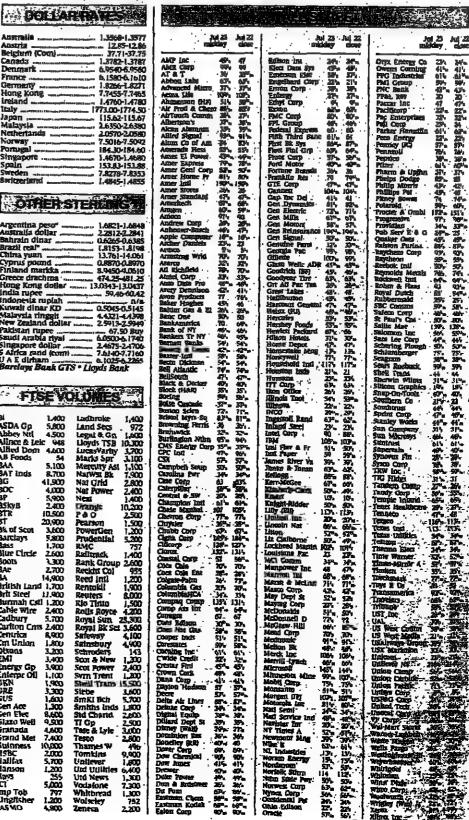
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Nowhere has this fear of point-

less political correctness been more

offensively fulfilled than in Gordon Brown's first Budget. The Chancel-lor excused his 55 billion-a-year

grab on dividends paid to pension

funds and charities on the grounds

that the present system encour-

ages companies to pay out divi-dends rather than reinvest their

profits". In the modern mariner, Mr.

Brown's devastating deterrent to savings was disguised as an incen-

tive to economic growth.

The agenda is an old Labour

one. It dates back to the revolution

in company tax made in Lord Cal-

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Budget of 1965, which proved as misguided in its effects as any until

Mr Brown's effort on July 2. The philosophy is simple dividends

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Mexico's largest cigarette maker shows that less-regulated

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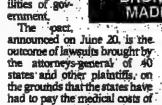
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In the past two weeks, while-Congress and the President ponder whether to make the deal law, its critics have been on the attack. Mississippi has jumped the gun, breaking ranks to settle on its own and secure the cash quickly. Newt Gingrich, leader of the Republicans in the House of Repreof delay, although after support this week from President Clinton; the deal is still thought. likely to survive in some form.

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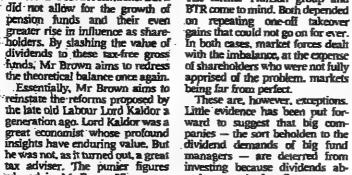
The deal requires US tobacco companies to pay plainliffs up to \$368.5 billion, a sum equivalent to the gross domestic product of Australia. Part of the money will be spent on providing healthcare for children to cap their liability. The conse-

machines, sports promotions, and advertising characters such as the Mariboro Man. Cigarette packets will have to carry labels saying "smoking can kill you" and manufacturers will have to disclose for the nicotine and additives, believed to make US cigarettes among ments may be tempted to clone the world's most hazardous. the deal, and its mistakes. In return, companies would although the \$1.9 billion bid on be immune to state lawsuits

about this threat, largely

AMERICAN psox BRONWEN

It is certainly time that regulation is tightened. But there are worrying points about the way it is happening. For a start, the pact bears too clearly the imprint of its origins as a commercial deal, not least in that lawyers' fees may amount to more than \$4 billion, far greater than in any comparable deal. Conventionally generated legislation is at least nominally designed to serve the public interest, whatever compromises are later struck But in reaching their bargain, state governments



ting claim to intellectual respect.

stance, companies paid too much

in dividends to invest enough from

retained earnings to keep their existing businesses in good lettle.

The former Hanson group and

BTR come to mind. Both depended

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There are certainly instances

only tangential connections to the corporation tax system. have little grounding in reality to commend them and no compensa-

The Tory imputation system of

the early 1970s was devised to

make it tax-neutral for companies to retain profits or to pay them out

in dividends. This redressed the

supposed 1965 bias against divi-

dends, which had actually resulted

in a relative cut in retentions. But it

who advise Mr Brown 30 years on



than they were when the Wilson committee investigated a generation ago. Rather the reverse, Many finance directors of successful but mature companies view equity capital (including retained earnings) as a needlessly expensive form of finance. They have paid out special dividends or promoted share buybacks in order to switch to debt finance. Much mindlessly

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fashionable rationalisation is doubtless going on here, but there is at least no lack of equity support. investors want high-growth companies with opportunities to expand to go for it. Their reward lies in capital growth and, ultimately, in dividends rising strongly from a low base. There is no

demand to return cash. Attitudes are different when you come to companies in mature industries that have limited opportunities to grow their existing businesses much faster than the econony. They present a different choice. Should the board invest surplus cash in new ventures or pay it to shareholders and let them choose new investments?

There does seem to be a genuine difference here between Anglo-Saxon and continental/Japanese practice. But we should not be too

bility for their habit after years

of warnings about the dangers

The deal also rests on the dubi-

ous calculation by state govern-

ments of the costs of paying for

smokers' healthcare; as many

have bluntly pointed out, by

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In defending the punitive element of the deal, some might

argue that businesses were

acting unethically, albeit legal-

ly. There is much to be said for

current fashion, particularly in

Britain, for reminding busi-

nesses that they have ethical

responsibilities. But notions of

what is acceptable behaviour

have changed; even after the

dangers became known, smok-

ing continued to be considered

acceptable. Many find it unfair

that companies should be sad-

dled with costs of this scale,

years after the event, let alone

with responsibilities that prop-

The feature of the deal that is

But this purely political move

is no more than the transfer of

unpopular rich group to popu-

lar poor group. In this, it

resembles Gordon Brown's

windfall tax on utilities, ear-

marked to pay for schemes to

get the young unemployed back to work. The US tobacco

settlement and Mr Brown's tax

creaking benefit systems with

one-off raids on the corporate

sector, while ducking the politi-cally difficult task of persuad-

ing the electorate to pay more

Others countries' politicians may not abdicate as much of

their job, passing it on to the

courts, as do their American

counterparts. But as this deal

shows, attacking big business

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poor record of diversifying into new exciting technologies. Better, perhaps, to take the cash out and use our sophisticated venture capi-tal industry to back the new.

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Dividend policy is a silly subplot to arguments about the level of corporate investment. By far the greatest deterrent is the level of money interest rates. Second to that is high real interest rates. Even in an inflationary economy, high money interest rates multiply the risk of grassroots investment, especially investing in expansion. No wonder a risk-averse culture has grown up that prefers takeovers of competitors or other well-established businesses as the easy way to expand and a safer use of investors' money and limited managerial skills.

The fall in money interest rates in recent years offers the greatest hope for a secular rise in the

Chancellor could take more responsibility for sound economic management, rather than passing the buck to a Bank of England committee that relies solely on interest rates, so much the better.

Meantime, the Budget measures are surely a fine example of hypocrisy. Unless the Chancellor is a fool. He must know that his Finance Bill is guaranteed to achieve the opposite of his stated purpose. Savers are being taxed by an extra £5 billion a year, supposedly to aid corporate investment in the economy. There is no reason to think that will be achieved. Although there is a greater economic incentive to substitute retentions for dividends, there is an income Who knows which will prevail?

One thing is certain. Cash is being extracted from people's savings to finance current government expenditure. The dividend grab, far from being an incentive to invest, is a cynical move to divert £5 billion a year from investment

American grand tobacco settlement ducks the difficult but vital issues

Companies will also accept a ban on billboards, vending ers and the anti-smoking lobby after decades of countroom warfare, shows signs of unravelling. For good reason: even fervent anti-tohacco campaigners should have misgivings about the precedents it sets. The implications extend beyond the US. Other govern-

Tuesday by BAT Industries for and class actions in the US. Individuals and foreign groups could still sue, but tobacco industry experts are sanguine

> because law yers will be less interested in pressing these less hacrative cases. The deal ishugely poputurning its

announced on June 20, is the the way they have contested suggestions that their products might be addictive or lifethreatening, while battling to hide details of their ingredicheck and balance of the American political system to keep themselves as lightly regulated as much of the food industry.

were mainly concerned to raise money, and tobacco companies



Cigarette makers are to give much clearer warnings and will not advertise on billboards

pact's 68 pages. in terms of protecting public health and deterring smoking. the most important part of the deal is the curbing of the industry's future behaviour. But once the prospect of the settlement bonarga appeared real, the states' lawyers accepted amendments to the fine print that make the curbs near-useless. On paper, the pact gives the Food and Drug Administration the power to regulate nicotine and ratchet down levels in ciga-

quences run throughout the rettes. But first, the FDA must show that this would not create significant demand for contraband", such as a black market in stronger cigarettes from Mexico, a formidable legal

> Similarly, the popular clause that requires cigarette makers to drive down youth smoking by 30 per cent in five years, and by 60 per cent in 10 years, is weaker than it seems. Although companies face \$2 billion in annual penalties if they miss these targets, threequarters of

have pursued all "reasonably

available measures". The courtroom origins of the deal show most clearly in its least justifiable element: the retrospective punishment of companies who were acting within the law at the time. Michael Moore, Attorney-General of Mississippi, made this explicit in June, declaring: "We wanted to do something that would punish this industry for its past misconduct."

This principle has enraged

fresh hopes for boom in tourism Eileen McCabe compares experiences conservatives; many others also feel misgivings. Without denying the addictive qualities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of cigarettes, many feel that smokers bear some responsi-

Ceasefire brings

businessman in Co Fer-A managh who has a rebuilt his bombed hotel laughed nervously when asked what he thought of tourism prospects in the wake of the recently declared IRA ceasefire. "We are not making any comment. We just want to sit quietly and say nothing. Look what happened to us 12

months ago," he said. His hotel, on the shore of Lough Erne in one of Northem Ireland's top tourist areas. was badly damaged when an explosion ripped through its foyer. Now back in business, he is anxious about the future. Although his hotel was the

only tourist venue to be bombed between ceasefires, the whole sector was badly shaken by the resumption of IRA violence and the civil unrest in Drumcree.

As expected, tourism was the first sector to benefit from the environment of peace after the most troubling is the attempt to justify it by appropriating part August 1994. In 1995, the number of holidaymakers to healthcare costs. Mr Clinton played the children card heavimost 70 per cent to 460,000. Such was the level of interest. ly this week in indicating that that some operators complained about a scarcity of the deal, in principle, had his accommodation. But just as hoteliers and tour operators started savouring the pleasure a large slice of wealth from an of working in a peaceful environment, events on the streets

began to go sour. In July 1995, the international media returned to the North to focus their lenses on the riots that followed an Orange Order parade through a Nationalist area in Drumcree. Barely six months later the IRA ended its ceasefire with a huge bomb in London's Canary Wharf.

Despite these blows, tourist inquiries continued at an encouraging rate. But even the most hardy tourist was, says the Northern Ireland Tourist Office, put off by last summer. Daily images on their TV screens of riots, road blockades and civil strife in Northern ireland finally put an end to the tourist boom. In 1996 the number of holidaymakers fell 30 per cent to 333,000 and this

year numbers are believed to have slipped again - almost back to pre-1994 ceasefire levels. The experience of tour operators such as Dublin's Abbey Travel is typical. They worked hard to encourage interest in Northern Ireland after the first ceasefire, but last summer found themselves having to move quickly to redirect some of their customers away from Belfast when violence spilled on to its streets. Since Drumcree in 1996.

consumer confidence began to fade. The contrast of fortune between the tourism sectors on either side of the border could not be more stark.

In the Republic the number of tourists has grown 10 per cent each year over the past decade. Since 1988 bed numbers have almost doubled as investment flowed into hotel construction. According to the Republic's tourist board, the number of total overseas tourists – which includes holidaymakers, business travellers and visitors to relatives and generated revenue of Ir£1.45 billion (£1.28 billion).

The Northern Ireland tourist board says it had 1.4 million overseas tourists in the same year, but they spent only £205 million. Even allowing for the fact that the North is about a fifth the size of the Republic and has a population of 1.5 million, compared with more than 3.5 million, the gap is large.

But, given that the prod-uct on either side of the border is similar and that the two tourist authorities recently agreed to market the island of Ireland as a single tourist destination, it is clear the gap could quickly be closed.

Although it is too early to predict when that might happen, even the most hard-bitten

hotelier in Northern Ireland

can take some comfort from the

fact that the present ceasefire

has come just as tour operators

are putting the final touches to

their 1998 brochures, allowing

Northern Ireland to be include

ed in their packages.

Chaos theory

Angeles." From the latest Hello! magazine - look. I came across it at the dentist, OK? The estranged wife of Ian Maxwell describes her life in Captain Bob's family in terms so sycophantic that one feels some regret that Hitler's secretary died the other week and so was deprived of the full Hello! treatment. Rude and a bully, but, says Laura - now taken up with an animal rights activist - "you had to hand it to a man who was able to create this much chaos". Those accountants and law-

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Maxwell: rude and a bully

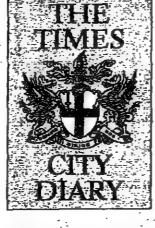
ing a New Life in Los they used the pensioners as Angeles." From the latest their excuse — "I don't think many really cared." By contrast, "a particular torment during the tense months preceding the brothers dawn arrests in June 1992 was being silenced by sub judice laws forbidding them even from expressing empathy for those pensioners whose funds were missing." Beyond parody.

ANXIOUS days at the swish

headquarters of casino opera-tor Capital Corporation, waiting to see whether Margayers investigating the Max- ret Beckett will allow London Clubs to bid again. The smart money says she will. Last time the defence team was led by Nigel Pantling, now out of Hambros after his part in the Lanica Trust affair. Penny Scott, manager under Pantling, is on a year's sabbatical. By a complete coincidence, Richard Redmayne, Lanica's broker at HSBC James Capel, is a non-executive director of - Capital. Small world.

Unbelievable

I HAVE absolutely no idea who is pulling whose leg here John Williams, manag-ing director of Knight Williams, is backing the gether is only marginally less



appointment of Kenneth Jordan as small investor representative on Damien, my working name for the successor to the Securities and Investments Board. As Jordan is head of the action group that has made life hell for Knight Williams since the company went into liquidation in 1995, this is rather like David Mellor endorsing the late Sir James Goldsmith for his political skills

Knight Williams insists the support is serious. But there is more. In a letter from Williams to Chancellor Gordon Brown, Jordan is especially commended for his access to confidential information — so much so that Williams has complained to the SIB that members have leaked such information to him. The notion of Jordan and SIB in bed tofanciful than that of Knight Williams supporting him.

• FUN with statistics. The average increase in professional per cent in the first half of this year, according to Hays Accountancy Personnal Whoopee, that's almost 10 per cent a year, isn't it? Wrong, because the rise over the entire past year was ... 4.7 per cent. So our number-crunchers got nothing at all in the last half of last year. Probably not surprising, because most people's salaries rise on January 1. The piece of research, therefore, is pretty useless. But it came to you from an accountant.

All change

HAMBRO COUNTRY-WIDE has ditched SBC Warburg in favour of Panmure Gordon as house broker. Warburg was the main marketmaker in the company's shares, and the decision was taken "to make sure the broker's interest was 100 per cent aligned with ours". No suggestion that Warburg had been putting its own interests first. Curious, the broker has acted for Hambro Countrywide for as long as anyone can remember, so someone should have thought of it before now.

Panmure was chosen because the broker bought some shares for Hambro

John D Wood, the posh estate

Ashen-faced

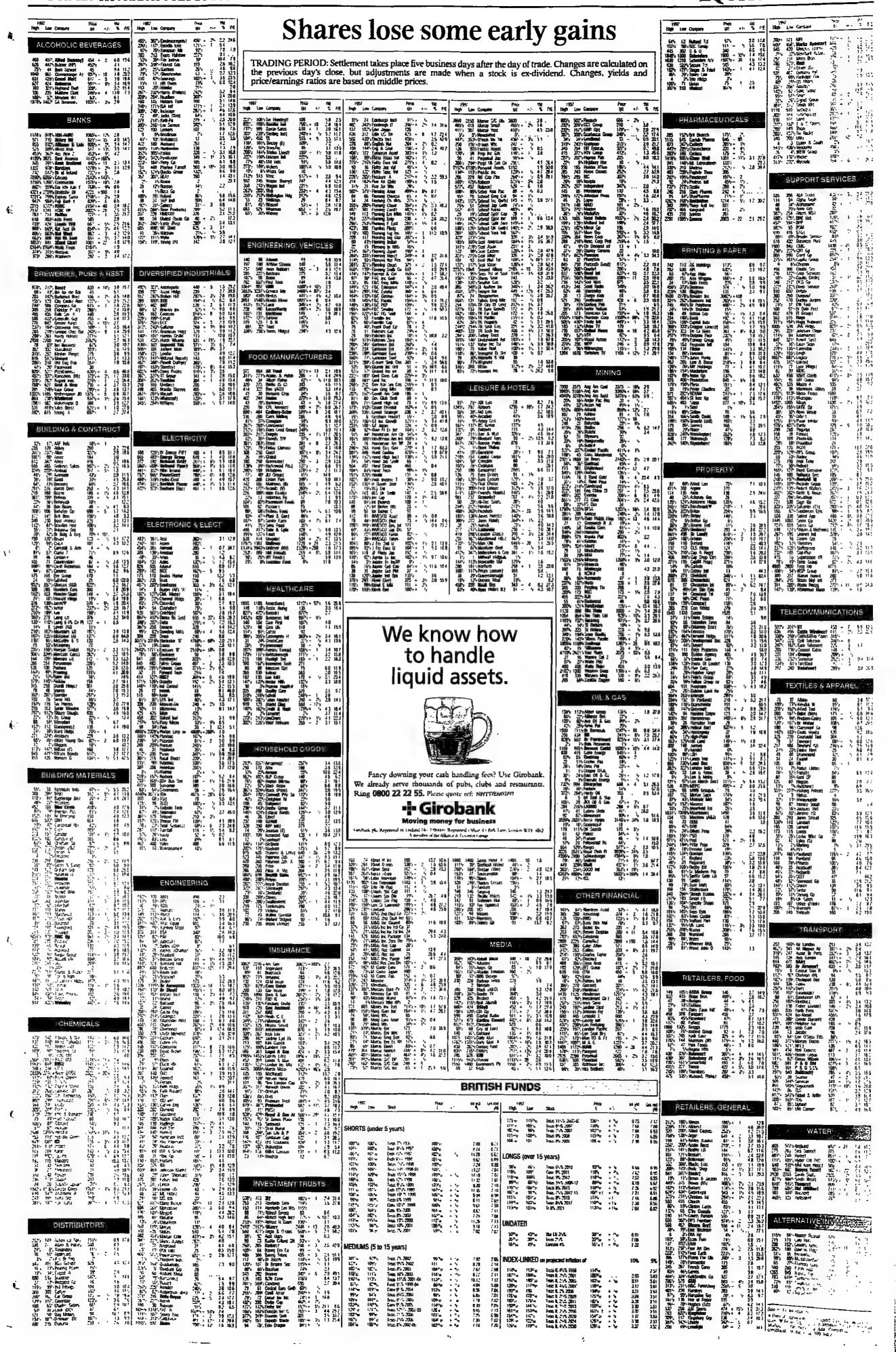
A CRICKET match with a difference at the Honourable Artillery Company ground on City Road today. The annual Financial Ashes will be fought between a team from the Securities Institute, members and employees, and teams of Australian and, rather more loosely, South African City folk Loosely, because there are probably not 11 South African brokers and bankers in London who can hold a cricket bat, or if there are, they won't be at the HAC ground. So expect plenty of ringers. Last year's event was notable for the hospitalisation of both umpires.

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Capital idea propels Big Six

Peter Gratton explains the surge in sponsorship by leading firms

THE progress of the leading accountancy firms in expanding the services offered by their corporate finance arms has raised some eyebrows in recent years. The latest area in which they have started to compete is that of acting as sponsor to companies seeking a listing. Why have they moved into this area and will

Sponsorship work is a natural progression for the corporate finance arms of the leading accountancy firms. As the Acquisitions Monthly league tables show, the leading accountancy practices have developed their corporate finance skills to the point where they now dominate the market for professional advice on unquoted merger and acquisition transactions. Their attention has turned over recent years to lead advisory work in the quoted arena, in respect of both takeovers and listings. But why accountants? And why now?

In December 1993 the Stock Exchange amended its rules to allow accountancy firms to become sponsors to com-panies seeking a listing and the necessary changes to the rules for accountants soon followed. This coincided with a general change in the corporate finance market for smaller companies when some of

the larger merchant banks were focusing away from the smaller end of the market and many companies were losing their sense of loyalty to their traditional adviser, being open to advice from others. The advent of the Alternative Investment Market and the new role of nominated adviser (Nomad) has also enabled accountancy firms to establish a presence in this new market for capital raising. Their perceived quality compared with some of the smaller less wellknown traditional houses has also been of significant

transition has been the change in the skills mix of the Big Six corporate finance arms. Over the past few years these firms lawyers and brokers, bringing together people with experi-ence across the full spectrum of corporate finance work. Combining this with the existthe corporate finance teams in the Big Six now have the experience and expertise to execute many of the transac-tions previously reserved for traditional lead advisers.

But a key element of the

Some argue that without distribution facilities the accountants cannot be effective as sponsors. I believe that, to the contrary, it is just this sep-



Peter Gratton says the independence of firms is a plus

aration of the sponsorship advice from the raising of capital that makes the accountants attractive, being able to give advice that can be seen to be genuinely independent of any underwriting commissions. Moreover accountants

bring to the transaction a wide range of skills under one roof. such as accounting and tax advice as well as the corporate finance advice. All of these

functions, for example, were essential when Deloitte & Touche Corporate Finance ad-

vised on the demerger and acted as sponsors for the flotation of Clubhaus from Ex-Lands, the quoted group, two years ago.

area, but slowly. One of the reasons for this slower pace has been their caution: no Big

and so all are being careful about the clients they are prepared to sponsor.

But accountants will be driving this market forward. We see sponsorship work as a valuable additional service to offer our existing client base, both in the UK and for our international network. So far, it is a small but accelerating revenue stream for us. In March alone Deloitte & Touche Corporate Finance acted as sponsor to two main market listings and Nomad to an AIM float with a combined market capital of some £100 million. In addition we are acting for an increasing number of quoted clients as sponsor when they embark on substantial acquisitions or disposals, and as their lead financial adviser in public

company takeovers. More significant still is the investment that is being put into building up this area. In my view the Big Six will become an established force in this market within the next few years, offering a service that will be in demand particularly with those companies that, by virtue of their size, have found themselves underserved by their traditional

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> than the full accounts? The simple answer is cost. It is all very well being a company with a wide shareholder base, but the cost of a set of accounts, in terms of artwork, design, photography and, above all, postage, is high. Summary financial statements are also more attractive to shareholders. They are much shorter, much smaller, and, with

profession be wary? The first problem is that companies, when they are extolling the virtue of summary financial statements, start also to explain how these documents can become something more of a corporate brochure. Released from the responsibilities of statutory accounts, companies can wax more

Risk of pain from cut-price reports

traditional "mission to explain" a company's results through its annual report and accounts. News that several building societies are taking the route towards summary financial statements is but one sign of this.

It is a fundamental change. Accountants have never before admitted that the language of financial reporting is foreign to those with whom they are trying to communicate. It has always been a basic tenet that a two-way process was in progress. Accountants by to make things more accessible and under-standable, the general public gradually expands its knowledge of financial reporting. and eventually the two would meet in the middle. The average intelligent person would have enough of a grasp to feel that a set of good accounts was not a mystery. And the average accountant would be capable of explaining matters in a jargon-free way. The only alternative to these assumptions

is that business and finance is areane and that only insiders can hope to understand it. That is unacceptable in a pluralist socicty that tries to be just. It is no surprise that the two efforts in recent years to roll back obfuseration and reveal clarity have met with huge popular acclaim. Both the work of Sir David

Tweedie at the Accounting Standards Board and the books of Terry Smith, the analyst, have had big success The need to make financial reporting simpler and clearer is growing, rather than diminishing as you would expect in a more prosperous, better-educated society.

So why is the corporate

mood one of giving shareholders summaries rather

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attractive graphics, appear more inviting. So why should the financial reporting

This process can only lead financial reporting back to the bad old days when a smiling chairman would lay on the charm and soft soap in the annual report while the accounts at the back carried a message of impending doom. Summary financial statements do tend to be, as marketing people say, "upbeat".

Companies also argue that in these days of a move towards electronic "real-time" reporting, the thick, paper document is outdated. But that argument applies only to sophisticated investors. The people identified in times of scandal as those who have lost their pensions are not people who scan corporate figures online. One purpose of financial reporting is to protect the vulnerable, who tend not to be technologically, or financially, sophisticated.

The third argument is that accounts are now so overloaded with additional material as a result of the Cadbury code on corporate governance that a limit has been reached in terms of just how much

cope with. This argument is nonsense. Certainly, there is much more information in accounts as a result, but it is the first increase in useful information for years.

Ask the average sceptical shareholder or user of accounts whether they want more information on the directors, their pay and how they have done their duties or more information on depreciation and you know what the

The other argument is that the information, particularly on directors' remuneration and pension provision, is so complex that it is not worth printing. But that is a question to ask actuaries, or the directors. It could

all be simpler if directors wished it so. The final argument, however, is the one that people in the financial reporting world really need to remember. Whenever there has been scandal over a corporate collapse, the argument has centred on the report and accounts. It was quite possible for people to say of Polly Peck, for example, that if shareholders had read and understood Note 28 they would have been wary about the company's financial health. Under a regime of summary financial statements, directors would have to explain why they never sent out the detailed information in the first place. That could be more painful to explain than the figures themselves.

Mitchell fights on

PITY poor old Austin Mitchell. For all those years in opposition the indefatigable MP gave the accountancy profession hell with the clear message that once in Government everything would change. But it hasn't. A few weeks ago Mitchell called an adjournment debate on the regulation of the profession, only to find the minister responsible unresponsive to his invective. Last week

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it happened again. This time it was the regulation of insolvency practitioners. Once again Mitchell inveighed against "the Mafia regulating the Malia" and this time extended the description to cover the DTI working party consider-ing the issue. This did not amuse Nigel Griffiths, the Minister concerned. To call its work a sham is unfair, unworthy and untrue," he

said. "We have in Britain one of the best ways of regulating the insolvency profession. Mitchell is finding being in power a bit of a trial.

On course

THE English ICA, ever keen to improve its image, if not its reputation, has appointed another set of public relations advisers. This time Ludgate

go at the £500,000 account. In particular, it will have to think up a successor to the institute's poster campaign, which aimed to distinguish its members from all the other UK accounting bodies.

Rumours in Moorgate Place suggest the new slogan will be a simple one. Something like: We're more chartered than

Spot rates

too far away. Accountancy recruitment agencies are announcing record and rising salaries for accountants. Some of it could be self-fulfilling. Hays Accountancy Personnel announce today that 82 per cent of accountants who resign their job are being offered a pay rise on the spot. No wonder the graphs move ever

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Court of Appeal

Court of Appeal Habeas corpus order is criminal

Cuoghi v Governor of Brixton Prison and Another Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Kennedy and Lord Justice Saville

Dudgment July 151 An order relating to the obtaining of evidence for the purposes of a habeta corpus application in extradition proceedings was a criminal cause or matter within the meantrue of section 18(1)(a) of the Supreme Court Act 1981. Accordingly, the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction to

The Court of Appeal so held, determining as a preliminary issue that it had no jurisdiction to entertain an appeal by Sergio Cueghi from Mr Justice Carnwath Justice Forbes made on Mr. Conghi's application for the issue of letters of request under section 3 national Co-operation) Act 1990 for evidence in support of his application for habeas corous in reliance

The Box Street Metropolitan under the 1989 Act on a request by the Swiss Covernment for his extradition to Switzerland to face charges of fraud against Credit Suisse Fides Frust SA.

Section II of the 1989 Act provides: "(3) The court shall order the applicant's discharge if it appears to the court in relation to the offence . . . in respect of which the applicant's return is sought, that ... (c) because the accusation against him is not made in good lath in the interests of justice, it would, having regard to all the circumstances, be unjust or oppressive to return him."

Mr Clive Nicholls, QC and Mr James Lewis for Mr Cuoghi; Mr Paul Garlick, QC, for the Swiss Government: Mr James Turner for the Home Secretary.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE ferred to the wording of section isilital of the 1981 Act that "no appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal from any judgment of the High Court in any criminal cause or matter" and said that the question whether the Civil Division had jurisdiction to enterta Mr Cuoghi s appeal depended on the answer to three questions: I Did extradition proceedings fall within the statutory expression

The answer was unquestionably Yes". If there were any doubt about that, it was resolved by In re-Levin (1997) 3 WLR 117). 2 Did an application for habeas corpus made in extradition proceedings fall within the stan-

tory expression?
The answer was "Yes". In reaching that conclusion his Lordship relied on a long line of authority and in particular on Exparte Alice Woodhali (1888) 20 QBO 832, 835 830. In that case the Court of Appeal had rejected the argument that a habeas curpus application, made following the applicant's committal in extradition proceed-ings, was not a criminal cause or matter but was collateral, not necessarily having reference to any criminal proceeding and that the primary object of such an applica tion was to secure that the person

His Lordship also referred to authority which followed and ap-proved that case. In particular Amand v Home Secretary and Amana v riome secretary and Minister of Defence of Royal Netherlands Government [[1943] AC 147, 156 and 162).

He rejected Mr Nicholis' argu-ment that an application under section [1(3), whether advanced as a habeas corpus application or not, dure provided by statute, separate tinct from the Swiss crim inal proceedings which founded the application to extradite.

Accepting Mr Garlick's sub-mission, his Lordship concluded that Part III of the 1989 Act. comprising sections 7 to 17, set out a comprehensive code to govern extradition in present circum-stances. Section 18(3) formed part of a comprehensive provision for what was accepted as being a

criminal proceeding.
It was artificial to fillet out section 11(3) from that coherent series of provisions and attribute to it a nature and character different from the process of which it formed part.

3 Did an order relating to obtaining evidence for purposes of a habeas corpus application in extradition proceedings fall within the statutory expression? The answer was again "Yes" for

(a) It was a clear principle to be derived from the authorities that If the main substantive proces cidental or ancillary proceedings thereto were similarly to be treated as criminal: hence the rule that

habeas corpus applications in-cidental or ancillary to entradition proceedings were regarded as criminal because extradition proceedings were so regarded. His Lordship stressed that in using the words "incidental or ancillary" he was not intending to propound any new and different

test but was expressing the gist of what he understood the authori-(b) Orders relating to the produc-tion of evidence for foreign criminal proceedings were themselves to be treated as criminal: see Bonalumi v Secretary of State for the Home Department (1985) QB

It would be anomalous if an order relating to the production of evidence for the purposes of Eng-lish proceedings regarded as crus-inal were not itself to be regarded

(c) An affirmative answer was ionified by consideration of the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Cm 1928) which the 1990 Act enabled the United Kingdom to

It was that procedure which Mr Cuoght through the medium of the 1990 Acr was seeking to invoke. It was plain that the procedure existed to provide for international co-operation between states party to the Convention in the prosecu tion of crime, It had no civil purpose. Thus the context of the present proceedings was criminal and the context lent its colour to the section 11(3) application as to other

parts of the proceedings.
(d) To rely on section 3 of the
1990 Act Mr Cuoghi was compelled to assert that the conditions in section 3(1)(a) and (b) were fulfilled, namely the existence of an

The questions posed by Mr Turner were pertinent to consider: What was the purpose of the application? Was it a step in the process of bringing a defendant to trial? Could it affect the conduct of

tion should be answered affirmatively. From that it followed that the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction to entercain the appeal, being an appeal from a judgment of the High Court in a criminal cause or

Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Saville agreed.

Appropriation outwith jurisdiction The trial judge rejected a sub-mission of no case to answer made on the ground that no offence had

Regina v Nana Before Lord Justice Leggan, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and Mr

Law Report July 24 1997

[Judgment July 11] A person who, knowing that money had been mistakenly paid imo her bank account in England. signed blank cheques on that account and sent them to her sister in Scotland, did not in so doing commit an act of appropriation

She was, however, guilty of an offence against English law when one of the cheques which necessar ily drew upon the mistaken credit ance was brought back to England and presented for payment there. The act of theft was the entation of the cheque.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held when allowing in part the appeal of Sui Soi Nean against her conviction by a majority on December 19, 1996 at Southwark Crown Court Judge Laurie and a jury) of three counts

Conviction on two of the counts. relating to cheques which were presented in Scotland, were quashed. Her appeal against conviction on the third count. which related to a cheque pre-sented for payment in England, was dismissed. Her appeal against a sentence of two years detention in months was substituted.

Section 3 of the Theft Act 1968 provides: "(I) Any assumption by a person of the rights of an owner amounts to an appropriation, and this includes, where he has come without stealing it, any laser assumption of a right to it by keeping or dealing with it as

Ms Lauren Soertsz, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the appellant; Mr Peter Gray

giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the outcome of the appeal depended upon whether or not, as an ingredient of the thefts, the appellant had nmitted an act of appropriation within the lurisdiction.

As a condition of her employ ment she opened an account on August 11, 1995 with a London branch of Barclays Bank. The account number allocated to her had previously been that of a debt collection agency. Several payments intended for

the agency were paid into the account by mistake, amounting to a total of £77,767.25p. Payments were also made for the credit of the account from the appellant's employers and small withdrawals were made from time to time not exceeding the latter credit balance. Between September 25 and Octo-ber 9, 1995 cheques were presented for payment in the respective sums £29,000, £16,000 and £10,000. They were paid because the mis-take was not discovered until November 8, 1995.

The appellant when interviewed in Glasgow, who had known that she had received the extra money. Two cheques had been present for payment in Glasgow and the third in Peterborough.

diction. He viewed the thefts as a joint enterprise between the appel-lant and her sister and regarded the appropriation as having taken place in this country because the LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT. the paying bank were all situated in England. However, his reason

for that conclusion was wrong: see R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Osman ([1990]] WLR 277).
On each of the three counts the appellant was charged with steal-ing a chose in action, namely a debt collecting agency. Since it could not be disputed that the

was common ground that she was guilty of their if the offence had been committed The question therefore was a simple one: was there any act within the jurisdiction which aunounted to an assumption by the

appellant of the rights of the Applying the principle set out in Osman (at p294) to the present case, the act of theft was the presentation of the cheque. Until then no right as against the bank

All that had occurred beforehand, including the signing of the cheques, had been preparatory acts. She who supplied the signed, blank cheques, which she knew were to be used to steal from the debt collecting agency, was an aider and abettor of the theirs, even the cheques were presented in As such, she would be liable to

be convicted as a principal in relation to a substantive offence a joint enterprise, that was where it was effectuated. It would not be enough to give the English court jurisdiction that her part in the theft was carried out in England: compare R v Tomsett (1985) Crim

When the appellant sent the cheques in blank to her sister, she intended to appropriate such sums as her sister proved to insert into any of the cheques that she used. The appropriation was inchoate.
In their Lordships judgment, no right was assumed to the part of the appellant's credit balance that was not here until a cheque was presented for payment in a sum which necessarily drew upon the mistaken credit balance. That adverse to the debt collecting

agency to have the cheque met by the bank. The result was that on the two occasions that a cheque was pre-sented in Scotland no offence was committed within the jurisdiction when the third cheque was presented in Peterborough. When section 2(1) of the Criminal Justice Acz 1993 came into force it would render irrelevant where any act occurred proof of which was required for conviction of theft. Meanwhile the appellant was acquitted on curnts I and 2 of the

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Benefits recoverable as special damages

missed in relation to count 3.

Discrimination claim fails

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Roch and Sir John

Dudement Jaly St. Private Patients Plan, the provider of medical and health care in-surrance cover, was not, within the meaning of section 12 of the Race Relations Act 1976, an authority or holy which could confer an authorisation or qualification which was needed for, or facilitated engagement in a particular

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Dr Christallent Lattari from a dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal on May 3, 1996, of her appeal from the dismissal by an dustrial tribucal, sitting at Ashford, on August 15, 1990, of her nated against her on the ground of race contrary to section 1(1)(b) of

Air Christopher Jeans, QC, for Dr Tanari. Mr Nicholas Green for

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that Dr Tattari, a registered medical practitioner, was a Bruish causen but was Greek by barth.

Athens University she came to the admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. She was granted an EEC specialist certificate in plastic and reconstructive surgery by Athens University in 1986 and since 1988 had been in

The General Medical Council maintained a specialist list in accordance with article to of the Medical Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order (SI 1977 No. \$27). Dr Tattari's name was added to that list in 1993 and she was thus recognised by the General Medical Council as having the right to practise plastic surgery in the United Kingdom.

Dr Tattari asked to be added to PPP's list of specialists in December 1994. In March 1995 she was informed that PPP could not grant her specialist recognition according to its rules which required her to hold or have held a substantive NHS consultant post or to hold a certificate of higher specialist training given by the higher specialist training committee of the Royal College of Surgeons, PPP cate of higher specialist training

for the purposes of its rules.

His Lordship said that PPP was not an authority or body within the meaning of section 12 of the 1976 Act. He considered that the section had to be read as a whole and not construed piecement. The kind of bodies referred to were those similar to authorities which were empowered to grant qualifications or recognition for the purpose of practising a profession, calling, trade or activity.

Thus he considered that section 12, referring as it did to an authority or hody which conferred recognition or approval referred to a body which had the power or authority to confer on a person a professional qualification or other approval needed to enable him to practise a profession, exercise a

it did not refer to a hody which was not authorised to or empowered to confer such aualifica tion but which stipulated that for the purpose of its commercial ments, a particular qualificaion was required. Lord Justice Roch and Sir John

Solicitors: Mr C. G. Hughes:

Balcombe agreed.

Lawrence Graham.

offence and of preceedings or investigations in connection with it. That demonstrated the closeness of the connection between the section 3 application and the criminal proceedings which the Swiss government were seeking to extrachte him to face.

In the light of those questions and the authorities the third ques-

Solicitors: Judge Syless Frittou; CPS, HQ: Treasury Solicitor.

aid that size had signed the blank chaptes and sent them to her sister

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waller

Judgment July 22 Where by virtue of section 82 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 general damages for personal injury were reduced or shed by remayment of social security benefits received by the plaintiff in consequence of his injury, the plaintiff was entitled to recover as special damages the loss of non-recoupable benefits which he was receiving before the ac-cident and would have continued

to receive but for the injury. Section 81(5) of the 1992 Act did ering recovery of such sums. The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment allowing John Albert Neal's appeal from the order of Judge Hague, QC, at Slough County Court on May 8, 1996 whereby he awarded the plaintiff £4.450 general damages secretary of state. road traffic accident with the defendant. Gregory Charles Bingle, on January 14, 1989. The judge had rejected the plaintiff's

claim for special damages for the loss of social security benefits which he was receiving before the accident in respect of a pre-existing back injury. Section 81 provides: (5) . . . in the

assessment of damages in respect of an accident, injury or diseases the amount of any relevant benefits paid or likely to be paid shall be disregarded." Mr Roger Smith for the plaintiff; Mr David Tucker for the

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that at the date of the accident the plaintiff was in receipt of social security henclit. He received £30,201.27 benefit payments from the date of the accident to January 14, 1994 and the Department of Social Security issued a certificate of total benefit in that sum which formed the basis of the deduction from the amount of any compensa tion payment made by the defen-dant to the plaintiff and required to be paid by the defendant to the

To preclude the possibility that the whole of the plaintiff's general the plaintiff adopted the solution

suggested by Lord Justice Henry in the Court of Appeal in Hassall v Secretary of State for Social Security (1995) I W. R. 812, 819) that the plaintiff could claim as special damage the loss of non-recoupable benefits he was receiving before the accident

The judge had held that section 81(5) of the 1992 Act prevented any such recovery and that the subsection required the court to dis-regard the benefits altogether. The subsection did not provide

the conclusive answer to the plaintiff's claims the judge suggested. It was quite clear that it was in "assessing damages in respect of an accident" that the relevant benefits "paid or likely to be paid were to be disregarded. So the firs said helore the accident.

There was thus no support for the judge's interpretation that section 81(5) prevented the court from considering recovery of a sum as special damages based upon the benefit which, but for the accident, the plaintiff would have continued

to receive. The mere fact that the plaintiff ntinued to receive an equivalent sum in benefit to the sums which cident was no bar to such a recovery. There was no reason in general principle why the plaintiff could not claim the benefits lost and the judge should have awarded the plaintiff a sum equivalent to the benefits which he would have received but for the accident, £9,926.21, which with his medical expenses and general damages amounted to £14,376.21. That sum represented the limit the defendant as compensator was required to pay to the secretary of

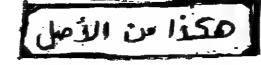
It was then for the plaintiff to appeal against the amount stated in the certificate of the compensation recovery unit of the Department of Social Security. Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waller agreed.

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Correction

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You were in Merchant Ivory's Edwardian England; she was wearing petricoats. But since she cut her Pre-Raphaelite tresses, the world is her oyster. in Margaret's Room she was a greasy-haired urchin in a Nova Scotia coalmining com-munity in the 1940s. Now, in Portraits Chinois, she is an English girl, Ada by name. living in contemporary Paris, speaking French, working as a fashion designer in a house run by Jean-Claude Brialy. Having a mother who is half-French clearly helped her. For when Bonham Carter speaks you rarely hear the inflections of an English beau-ty, educated at public school, poking through the pursed vowels, grimaces and Gallic She talks a lot, too. All the characters do, Over several desire, their apartments, their careers (either fashion or filmmaking). Much is lies. Much is uninvolving, not because of deficiencies in the smart cast, but because the director, Martine Dugowson, rarely looks under the surface. These chatterboxes come to the screen with no past history (the exception is Lise, the apprentice designer played by Romane Bohringer, whom Ada sees as a threat). We struggle to know what makes them tick, and to care about

their liaisons.

Ada's boyfriend Paul, a screenwriter (Jean-Philippe Ecoffey), attracts Lise's attention. Lise, however, is being encouraged to team up with Paul's writing partner Guido (Serge Castellito), who has just split up with his girlfriend. Circling round them are other affairs and a pregnancy. Possibly another director, working from another script. could have made these seem events of great moment, at least for as long as the film lasted. Woody Allen, perhaps. Or the veteran Eric Rohmer, France's best contriver of talkative trifles. But Dugowson, mounting her follow-up to Mina Tannenbaum, an obser-

vant study in friendship, hamstrings her cast with a shallow

and overstretched script. Even

wish to bid these people adieu.

a long time before the film

does. Maybe the next time

Bonham Carter speaks perfect

French, the words will be

Palookaville juggles the two far more adeptiy. The setting is somewhere in New

Jersey, geographically close to

Manhattan's bright lights but

spiritually stuck, in the prov-

inces. The characters are

would-be crooks, eager to rob

their way to prosperity. I could-

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TODD SOLONDZ's com-

pelling and unsettling com-

edy, full of remembered pain.

contemplates the awful life of

Diane Wiener, an 11-year-old

geek at Benjamin Franklin

hate me?" she asks a school-

mate. "Because you're ugly."

She's also not very lovable,

and it says much for Solondz

and plucky young actress

Heather Matarazzo that they

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BEHIND CONVENT

handling roses. Close-up of

her sucking her finger with

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pornographer. This stately specimen of his dublous trade, based on a Stendahl novel, revels in fetishistic detail and the piquant looks of black-and-white nuns liberating themselves against dazzlingly coloured backgrounds. Difficult to watch with a straight face.

THE FRIGHTENERS

CIC. 18. 1996 THIS represented something of a backward step for Kiwi director Peter Jackson after



NEW VIDEOS: A fine portrait of childhood; and an absurd view of nuns

Ugly duckling comes good

Heather Matarazzo in Welcome to the Dollhouse

Heavenly Creatures, though fans of garbled fantasy movies may find delight in its tale blundering between comedy of a swindling ghost exorcist (Michael J. Fox) faced with genuine ectoplasm. Hollywood's budget ensures Tartan, PG, 1927 smooth special effects, but THIS electrifying film by the

does nothing to stop jokes falling flat or the script

OCTOBER

and horror. Available to rent.

tested by the director's latest love letter to the cinema and to Sicilian life. The images are pretty in a postcard kind of way, but the story about a shyster from Rome who dupes villagers out of their money by posing as a filmstudio talent scout is too drawn out and generates rather bogus emotions. However, the non-professional players are moderately pleas-

> Available to rent. GEOFF BROWN

ing: and Sergio Castellitto

works very hard to make the

lead character interesting.

NEW MOVIES: Geoff Brown watches an English rose bloom among Paris's chattering yuppies in Portraits Chinois

Helena joins the French collection

Helena Bonham Carter brushes up her French vocabulary to play the part of a fashion designer caught up in liaisons not very dangéreuses in Martine Dugowson's talk-heavy Portraits Chinois

In fact, Alan Taylor's first feature, written by David Epistics. Warm-hearted humour. Sweetness and light. The influence of the postwar stories of Italo Calvino, filtered through Italian film comedies alive to the quirks of ordinary life like Big Deal on Madonna Street. Like Mario Monicelli's film,

this is a tale of bungling. In the opening minutes, a jeweller's shop is the target, but the building next door, a pastry shop, gets hit. The perpetrators, unem-

ployed, do not have the home life of hardened criminals. One (William Forsythe) lives with dogs. Another (Vincent Gallo), striving so hard to be Mr Big, lives with his mother, his sister and her husband, a cop. Another (Adam Trese) clines to his wife and kid, and is reluctant to participate. But empty pockets lure them all

Portraits Chinois 122 mins Helena Bonham Carter talks and talks in French

Palookaville Curzon Mayfair, 15, 92 mins Endearing movie about would-be crooks

Love! Valour! Compassion! ABC Swiss Centre, 15,

114 mins direction! Broken English Warner West End, 18, 93 mins Bogged-down drama from New Zealand

Idiot Box National Film Theatre, 83 mins Engaging Aussie portrait of thick young criminals

onwards. They watch the 1950 B-movie Armored Car Robbery to get ideas. That robbery, too, goes haywire; life lets

them down yet again. Taylor, a New York University graduate with an awardwinning short and TV work to his credit, pitches the film as a realistic piece with fairy-tale trimmings. He keeps a tight

rein on visual tricks, letting characters and settings weave their spell. Today we are unaccustomed to such good manners, and Palookaville may seem low in incident to viewers in need of an adrenalin rush. But to anyone wondering which way humane cinema went, this small-scale

delight points the way.

constructs the "ten days that

shook the world" in October

1917, when the Bolsheviks

brought down Kerensky's

government. The director's

methods are as revolutionary

as the material: rapid-fire

editing, elaborate montages,

extensive use of metaphors.

Characters may occasionally

seem submerged in the visu-

al fireworks, but it only needs

the Winter Palace to be

stormed or St Petersburg's

bridges to be raised for the

film to recover. The video

pared in 1967, with a score by

THE STARMAKER

Fox Home Entertainment,

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Tornatore's Cinema Paradi-

so may have their loyalties

Shostakovich.

the opening seconds. A harmonious voice is rhapsodising on the soundtrack about his lakeside country house: built in 1895, he warbles, and still with its original roof! That may impress America's estate agents, but it is hardly a selling point over here. Then the house owner's guests, all gay males, arrive and mingle: Arthur and Perry, accountant and lawver, almost an old married couple: Ramon, the Puerto Rican dancer acutely aware of his sex appeal; Buzz. the musical comedy aficionado with a biting tongue: John Jeckyll, an English musician,

aloof, mean-spirited. To anyone familiar with Terrence McNally's off-Broadway play of 1994, they are all old pals. So are the players: with the exception of Jason Alexander, who replaces Nathan Lane as Buzz, the film reunites the original cast. McNally adapts his own text. The original director, Joe Mantello, directs again, showing minimal interest in cinematic matters. Perhaps the film's cosy elitism, smugness almost, comes in part from the production's inbreeding.

Mostly the source lies in McNally's script. As this houseful bicker, manoeuvre and nurture each other through three summer weekends, the characters grow to seem more like stereotypes than people, brazenly manipulated by the dramatist for comic, sentimental, or melodramatic ends. Jokes come easily to Buzz, the HIV-posi-

The first inkling that Lovel tive Broadway queen, but atian immigrants, a Maori amusing lines about revivals working in a Chinese restau-of The King and I cannot in rant. and two Chinese sweetthemselves sustain the film, or add bite to its treatment of Aids. The undue concern for effect shows again when John Jeckyll's twin brother James arrives, sweetness and light compared to his dark bile. On stage, John Glover's tour de force in both roles won him a Tony award; on film, the stunt loses its punch.

> oe Mantello has a particular part to play, too: any artifice or jarring mood is immediately highlighted by his static direction. For all the film's flashes of wit or tenderness, there are enough irritants here to put your back up, whatever your sexual stripe.

Over to New Zealand now for Broken English, a story of

of star-crossed lovers. The Croatian father Ivan. proud and volatile, sets the tone, solving arguments with a baseball hat and imprisoning his own daughter for daring to becoming the Maori's lover and getting pregnant. Rade Serbedzija, the Croatian actor now rampaging through international movies, settles in for a long rage. Aleksandra Vujcic's

Nina and her boyfriend (Julian Arahanga) are more persuasive, though not enough to make their problems electrify

If New Zealand disappoints, second film about would-be hearts anxious to make "little Kiwis". This is fruitful matericriminals. This has a tarter al, though director Gregor taste than Palookaville. Nicholas and Robin Scholes, though there is still something producer of Once Were Warlikeable about Kev and Mick, riors, restrict the film's appeal young layabouts who rattle by styling it as a heavy drama round the suburbs drinking. arguing, mischief-making and watching TV (hence the title) They imagine themselves street-smart, Kev especially. In

fact they are dumb, never

more so than when they acquire guns and concoct a bank robbery. The director, David Caesar, trains a hip, quirky eye on these sad clowns, vividly portrayed by Ben Mendelsohn and Jeremy Sims. Visual interest is considerable: Caesar even makes police sticking pins in a map seem exciting Sound, too, is inventively used,

'Intelligent and enjoyable'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

☐ PORTRAITS CHINOIS Sarah Crook, 18: The French

sure can make movies. C'est

magnifique!

Damian Samuels, 20: Imagine the French doing Peter's Friends - or Les Amis de Pierre - and this would probably be the outcome. The only difference, unfortunately, is that this is as dull as

Tim Thornton, 21: Helena Bonham Carter comes over all cute and French in this aver-

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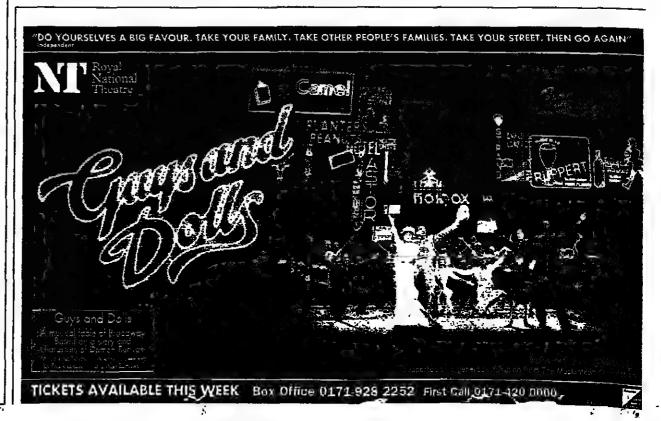
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Damian: A multicultural Flddler on the Roof set Down Under, with some very comic symbolism at the important moments. Tim: A powerful and moving

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A film worth seeking out.

film of race, love, politics and mixed marriage. Leslie: Cliché after cliché after cliche. A Kiwi Romeo and Juliet.



TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts

and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

lawen West, De Montion University Lansdowne Road (01234 219333) Tonight-Sat, 8pm

BRIGHTON Peter Knapp's Travelling Opera company ends its tenth season with performances of Verdi's La traveta (tonght and tomonow) and Mozari's

BBC PROMS in his final concert as music director of Opera North Paul Daniel conducts the company and the English Northern Philharmonia in the 1947 version of Stravinsky's ballet. Portushka The Ir A London performance of Violanta, horngold's gon, and crotitate of murder and seduction, follows after the internal. The capt includes Jonathan Summers as Smone Traval, Jactos Carns in the title role and Hans Jactos Carns minerose role and main-Aschanbach as Alfonso Albert Hall is ensington Gorel SM7 (0171-599 8212) Turaghi, 7.30pm

KISS ME KATE. The New Shakespoors Company brushes up its Shakespeare Cole Porier's witty, tune-packed musical Ian Talbot directs Louise Gold lssy van Randwyck and Andrew

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BEDFORD: Trasile Treated Company joint forces with Eurob performers to present Fool House, a comody about the hapless tenants of a seamingly ordinary house in Amsterdam.

□ ALWAYS Believe ii or not, the king and Mrs Simpson story set to music (by William May and Jacon Spicause) Starring Jan Hartles and Chirc Carlet Victoria Palance Actions Street VI (0171-83) 1317 Mont Sai, 7 30pm mats Wed and Sat 3pm

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Simon Tait traces a curious collaboration on a windy Oxfordshire hilltop



Unearthing a three-way Iron-Age plot



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Andrew Watson (left) and Simon Callery make precise adjustments to Watson's camera at Segsbury camp

THE photograph above is a view not of the surface of Mars, but of Segsbury Camp, an Iron-Age fort near the Ridgeway in Oxfordshire. It is part of a composite of 378 photographs, each precisely. 17.8 centimetres square, taken six feet above the ground.

This unusual piece of art is the culmination of a year-long collaboration between a painter, a photographer and an archaeologist, and it will be on show from this weekend at an exhibition near Faringdon in Oxfordshire. A large plan chest is being built containing 378 drawers,

each holding one of the photo-graphs in its correct place in relation to the whole site. Visitors can view each photograph separately, and then see how it combines with its immediate neighbour.

The whole work reveals the shadows of the civilisation thatlived in round houses at Segsbury in about 300BC. Gary Lock and his sity Institute of Archaeology have gradually been tickling away at chalk and mud with tiny trowels and toothbrushes, freeing a shard of pottery or a skull.

residency on the site for a year. His ethereal evocations of London cityscapes have been bought by the Tate and by the Saatchi Collection. He usually makes his huge abstract canvases by painting, scraping away, and repainting in a process that can take many months — "it's a sort of excavation, cutting through the surface to find whatever is underneath, he says. With the Segsbury Project the archaeologists are doing the scraping away for Callery. He started in April 1996 by sitting with them and drawing what he saw, "but the tiny detail of what they were pulling out was just too intense, and I realised the only way we could cover the subject was with photographs". Then Paul Bonaventura, an

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Oxford research fellow at the Ruskin School of Art who believes that Callery has the vision to move aesthetic boundaries in a way that few contemporary artists can, introduced him to Andrew Watson, a photography tutor at Central St Martin's School of Art.

This collaboration between visual art and archaeology goes completely against the grain," says Watson. "What the archaeologists are finding might not be understood until they're long dead; that doesn't concern them. But a visual artist wants credit straight away."

The way they work is quite different, too. "What can be so annoying about artists is the lack of exactitude," says archaeologist Lock. "The information we're dealing with is so great that we have to be precise and scientific about everything; an artist can just ignore all those details and go for the idea." But the artists approach is also idorus to the scienusis, mudelstand ing. We're getting something broader, something human, out of what Simon and Andy are seeing," Lock says.

Callery in turn began to see that Simon Callery is the painter who took on a the interesting point of the dig was not the finds but the work itself, and the composite site. So while the scientists have come to appreciate the eye of the artist. Callery and Watson have had to adopt some of their principles of precision for taking the photographs.

The residency, funded by Southern Arts, is officially over, but Callery is staying on site. "When I go back to my studio in London I'm still doing the work I was doing before I came here, so I don't see any change. Of course, Segsbury will be in my painting, but I don't know how, or when . . . it might take years."

 The Segsbury Project is at the Great Barn. Great Cowell, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, this weekend and then at the Pltt Rivers Museums and the Oxford University Museum (Sept 26-Oct 31)

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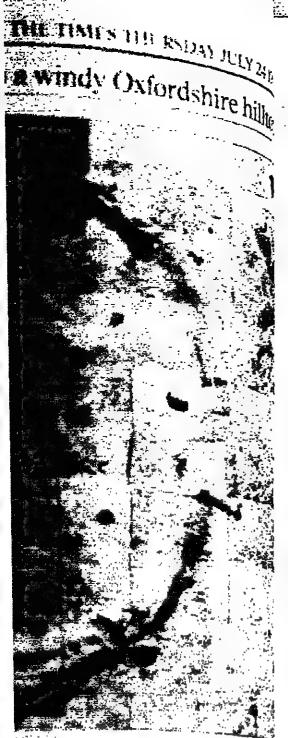
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Gershwin triumphs, wet or dry

goin' should be easy. It wasn't last weekend at the Bregenz Festival, where the floods sweeping Central Europe pushed up water levels on Lake Constance and drove the first two performances of a spectacular new Porgy and Best indoors. But if Bregenz has not been immune to the weather, it remains as resistant as ever to the operatic conservatism that pervades most of Austria: given in tandem with this uncompromising Porgy is a revival of Anton Rubinstein's long-neglected masterpiece, The Demon.

And thanks to the vision of Alfred Wopmann, the canny Intendant who operates on a mixture of idealism and realism, more innovation can be expected before he leaves the festival in 2002. This season has seen the addition of a versatile rehearsal space that will also be used for performances of experimental works, sometimes dance or drama, but in 1998 the premiere of the Austrian composer Georg Friedrich Haas's chamber opera Nacht, based on texts by Hölderlin. Next year's rarity in the Festspielhaus is Montemezzi's L'amore dei tre re, and in 1999 it will be Martinu's Greek Passion, staged by David Pountney and Stefanos Lazaridis in a co-produc-tion with Covent Garden due in London the following year.

The new rehearsal space proved itself already this suggest allow-

itself already this summer, allowing detailed work on Götz Friedrich's Porgy production to continue during the unseasonable rain. Whenever thunderstorms previously caused disruption, straightforward concert performances had to be given indoors, but here we got

Bregenz Festival

structure which stood empty outside, but will come into use later. Still, the costumes (Sue Wilmington), graffiti-covered backdrops and graphic signs of urban decay all make the producer's concept clear, and with yellow schoolbuses on earthquake-ravaged freeways, and heartless white cops tormenting a black community, this updat-ing moves Catfish Row to presentday Los Angeles. Stereotyping is avoided, and the work emerges as a powerful piece of social criticism, just as relevant as when it was composed 60 years ago.
One gain from the temporary

move indoors was that the amplification could be switched off: Andrew Litton was able to give a carefully balanced account of Gershwin's score, almost as idiomatic as he did at Covent Garden a few years ago, though there were times when the Vienna Symphony Orchestra needed to "let go" a little more. The very even cast was led by Arthur Woodley's dignified Porgy and Marquita Lister's glamorous sung Bess, her character a bundle of contradictions. Jeff LaVar's Crown may have been cast more for his pectoral rather than vocal

a wily Sporting Life and the chorus (Harlem Singers) strong Musically, at least, The Demon was even better. Rubinstein's 1875 score, a vital, "missing link" in the history of Russian opera, was vindicated by Vladimir Fedoseyev in a deeply resonant performance.

muscles, but Eric Lee Johnson was



Hans Schavernoch's Porgy set, an epic structure on the lake at Bregenz, will be used when the floods abate. Meanwhile, Götz Friedrich's staging goes on indoors

THEATRE: A fine revival of Duras's dark 30-year-old classic; plus Friel's puzzling 30-year-old tale of doom

duction of the mortal Tamara by a fallen angel, the work was the first to bring complex emotions into Russian opera, and there was no hint of cardboard characterisation here. The bass-baritone Egils Silins was commanding as the isolated but not evil Demon, and the

soprano Marina Mescheriakova a rich-voiced Tamara. With other roles filled by Slavonic singers, and choruses drawn from Moscow and Sofia, the sound was stirring.

stage Billy Budd for Weish National Opera but making his European debut here, adopted a naive. open-eyed approach. Carl Friedrich Oberle's simple designs, with a Aware that the work still needs producer Neil Armfield, soon to

simplicity, but at times there was too much costume-drama and not enough psycho-drama.

in some ways the work looks forward to Russian symbolism and a special challenge that was not quite mer. But with a Houston production of The Demon in prospeer and Wexford's not forgotten. Bregenz has confirmed that the

opera deserves reassessment

JOHN ALLISON

Elgar with a difference

THEYLL clap at anything. this audience," remarked my neighbour, after Steven Elgar Cello Concerto, "Bring back Paul Tortelier, I say. Impertinent maybe, but he was touching on two important points. The first is that 5,700 people had chosen to hear the Concerto and Bruckner's Ninth Symphony played by a regional orchestra. When else, where else could this happen? These listeners wouldn't clap at "any-thing" but they were appreciative in the best sense.

of the word.

The second point is that if anyone was looking for their 'own" Elgar as heard on best loved recordings, Isserlis was going to disappoint them. This was not an Elgar for the display of high passion, but seemed to well up from the afterglow of exhaustion. The descent of the famous melody came dropping slow; all the regret, but little of the sculpted tensions one is used to. Sometimes, he seemed to reach past enervation and into a dream world, where a certain detachment crept in (as in the Scherzo) or a sense of timelessness as in the final Moderato. He was restrained in all climaxes until the Moderato's final cadence, to which point of hushed intensity he moved with a liquid legato.

The BBC National Orchestra of Wales accompanied

IRVING BERLIN was right.

the melody does linger on. If

Woody Allen can-pull in the

crowds with a promenade

through the songs of yore in

Everyone Says I Love You,

then Steve Ross, prince of the

Manhattan saloons, should be

assured of an appreciative

You will not find Julia

Roberts or Goldie Hawn

draped across the piano in his

Knightsbridge residency, Ross

prefers to enlist memories of

Fred Astaire, Eleanor Powell

and others in his debonair

celebration of songs from the

cinema. Although he is not

averse to laying on the camp

and kitsch, his presentation

and cockrail humour are as

sharp as the parting in his

His passion for Cole Porter

drew him to the songwriter's

contribution to the obscure

1937 film Rosalie, crowned by

a shimmering treatment of In

The British singer Robert

Haberman then made an

engaging guest appearance in

homage to the double-act of

Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

relishing the wit of lines such

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audience for some years.

well. They began with Mendelssohn's overture Ruy Blas which can be safely consigned to the justly neglected masterniere pile. It is full of standard sequences, which kept the orchestra busy but failed to dazzle. Taking on Bruckner's Ninth in the second half was a tall order: this work is one of the most exposing in the repertoire. Stuffed full of brass interjections, the challenge is to find coherence across an arena of distant sonorities. Opening horn and trumpet calls did not augur well. but the performance warmed as it progressed. The Scherzo was demotic and some powerful string playing made for a

One wished for a stronger hånd on the work from Otaka who didn't push the first movement on. After so magisterial an opening the second theme should melt into its flowing quavers; here it was held in check. Towards the end of the Adagio the horns came together in some glistening chords whose stillness made for a magical ending.

HELEN WALLACE

CABARET

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as "Like Webster's Dictionary.

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Ross's abrupt transition to

modern times in Everybody's

Talkin', from Midnight Con-

boy, was slightly jarring.

Hearing him searching for

depths in Barbra Streisand's

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mind the "moon-lune" parody

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Gershwins' Blah, Blah, Blah

tionally pretty. What it lacks in

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makes up for in buoyant

phrasing, cushioned by effer-

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with brio, while on They Can't

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Cinematic cocktail

Outwardly civilised: Julie Christie (Suzanna) and Aden Gillett (Michel), her lover, in a moody drama about female psychology, marital analysis and understated conflicts

A hell of a marriage

t is February on the coast near St Tropez. The wind wind, punctuated by a doleful double-bass. The sea glumly whooshes. Black crass are visible below a tall, gloomy door whose sides are brushed by thin, wizened trees. You aren't surprised to learn that the couple who own this Gallic Mandalay have split up. The wife tried to kill herself or someone tried to kill her. Either way, they were hardly a fun pair inhabiting a place for

fun people. It is the perfect setting for Marguerite Duras. The moment Julie Christie glides onstage at the Minerva, smiling forlornly above her chic black overcoat, you know this will be one of the dramatist's moodier exercises in female psychology and marital analysis. Instead of dramatic cut and thrust, you will get nudge and hint. The emotions, like Johan Engels's set, will be dark and hidden. Hypersensitivity will rule and why not?

I must confess that Duras's work sets off something blunt. male and impatient in me; but there is no doubting its class. especially when as physically Suzanna Andler Chichester

elegant and emotionally fine an actress as Christie is in control. She is Suzanna Andler, wife of a wealthy. faithless Parisian. She is in Št Tropez partly to find a place to rent in August - hence her presence in this musty, deserted mansion - and partly to carry on an affair with a journalist called Michel.

Christie's Suzanna has scenes with Aden Gillett's Michel, who is a lot more in love with her than she is with him, and, her arms defensively if politely folded, with Julie Legrand's poised yet uneasy Monique, who is one of her husband's ex-mistresses. The tone is civilised, unemotional. The dialogue is sometimes more obfuscating than informative, for lies are habitual in this world. But gradually the portrait of a marriage emerges in shadowy silhouette; and pretty dreadful it looks.

We never meet Jean Andler. but Duras evokes his restlessness and charisma. He is a serial womaniser, and has long been urging Suzanna to take a lover herself. And now she has done so what do they

tity long before the quietly climactic phone call in which Suzanna thinks she is telling him of the affair for the first time. But that old tax, nec te. nec sine te, sums up much. They have given up on their marriage, yet still need to be

It is that mixture of feeling haffling to themselves, maddening to those trying to storm their fortress — which makes a 30-year-old play worth the capable revival Lindy Davies has given it. Its understated conflicts still absorb, and still present a formidable challenge to the leading actress. Here is a woman marooned in a weird emotional hinterland, in which she simultaneously wants to kill her husband, kill herself, protect her husband. protect herself, preserve her marriage and finish it: yet

married to each other.

nothing can be up-front. Thus the weariness of soul that Christie suggests is as carefully controlled as it is deeply ingrained. Strained smiles conceal her true ennui. and when despair momentarily strikes, she actually has her back to us. Disappointing? To those who like their drama visceral, yes. But that is the

way Duras wanted it.

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Hampson. Hampson unearthed 400 settings while preparing this disc, and he has chosen 22, ratiging from Stanford grandiloquently hymning the soul, to Bernstein setting an unpublished Whitman fragment. Three short interpolated poetry readings confirm Hampson's commitment to the fearless word power which

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rolls out of Whitman's verse, and is answered by Craig Rutenberg's robust piano accompaniment.

My own favourites, and those songs which live deep inside Whitman's own nerve system, feel the pulsing of his blood, are the African-American Henry Thacker Bur-leigh's Ethiopia saluting the colors of 1915, Charles Ives's maverick Walt Whitman, and Michael Tilson Thomas's thrillingly eloquent and bigboned We two bons together clinging, written specially for Hampson in 1993.

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Apostel etc Choruses/Dresden Philharmonie/Plasson EMI CDC5 56358 2 ** OF ALL Wagner's lesser-

known works, The Love Feast of the Apostles is perhaps the least likely to carn a regular place in the repertoire. Some 20 minutes of forbiddingly unaccompanied male chorus lead to a five-minute peroration with full orchestra. But Plasson's new recording, with first-rate singers from Vienna

and Dresden, shows that the a cappella writing does not have to be turgid, cutting an incredible seven minutes off Wyn Morris's IMP version in the process. The orchestra's atmospheric arrival is in fact worth waiting for (Lohengrin was just around the corner), and if Plasson doesn't quite whip up the excitement Mor-

ample compensation. His rendering of the Trauermusik - an outdoor funeral march to accompany the transfer of Weber's remains to Dresden - is also speedy, almost jaunty, to the detriment of the work's character, especially as the dark colours of massed wind/brass and muffled drums fail to register properly.

ris does here, his fleetness is

Fine performances, though, of the Siegfried Idyll, Faust Overture and two further a cappella choruses.

OPERA

John Higgins

KIRI TE KANAWA Sole e amore, Puccini arias Lyons Opera Orch/Nagano;

Vienoles Erato 0630 17071-2 ** £15.49 ERATO have made an effort to inject some variety into Dame Kiri's Puccini recital. Sprinkled among the familiar arias are a couple of intermezzi, from Manon Lescaut and Butterfly, and three songs. The latter include Sole e amore, a very early piece which was later recycled as the quartet from the third act of Boheme.

Te Kanawa sings it most winningly, but it serves less well as a record title. Sole is in distinctly short supply as Manon and Mimi. Tosca and Liu pour out their woes. Te Kanawa ill-advisedly begins with Tosca, not her best role, and then lets the other operas follow in chronological order. Mimi is no longer really her part either, for all the confidentiality she puts into the poor girl's short narration of a short life. She is happier with the soaring line of Manon's two arias, with the grace of Magda's Dream (La rondine) and with a pretty flower piece from Puccini's first opera, Le villi. Perhaps best of all is Butterfly's Un bel di. sung from the heart — and the

Kent Nagano's accompaniment is supportive, though on the soupy side. Roger Vignoles is the neat planist for

the songs. * Worth hearing ** Worth considering *** Worth buying

Pale post mortem

IT IS 30 years since Brian Friel wrote this puzzling piece, and is hasn't got any easier with time. Two actors on a bare stage re-enact the last hours of a young teenage couple studying for their exams on a sunny hillside in Co Tyrone. A female voice-over, the kind that walks you through reconstructed crimes as if the participants were the victims of some awful Jeffrey Archer plot, tells you what they had for breakfast, what the weather forecast was, and the mysterious fatal boat ride that

cost them their lives. Between the joists of this narrative, Mag and Joe act like any disgruntled young couple who've been saddled with a pregnancy and shotgun wedding. The sweltering heat of Studio 3 adds another — all 100 palpable — dimension of discomfort to Joe's disillusion and Mag's propen-

sity to bore. The play swings like a pendulum between Mag and loe's arguments on the hillside and chunks of creepy reportage. On the one hand, Friel weighs us down with documentary: the impersonal facts after the event, the impact of the drownings on the families. On the other, we have the

Lovers Riverside Studios

disarming chemistry of two 17year-ulds whose hopes and

fears are alive, banal and familiar. Why did they die? Yvonne A. K. Johnson's production makes it clear that Mag and Joe are not simply victims waiting for a boat accident. Yet there is frustration too because not enough happens to exploit the feeling that one of them might have triggered something horrible on the boat. Surely that must be the manipulative point of this

juggling act. I, for one, didn't feel manipulated enough. But I suspect the opportunity for a truly compelling double-bluff was never in the writing in the first place. Ruth Kavanagh and David Eastman are good at putting the local colour into their characters' cheeks, he grudgingly doing the right thing by her; she, just 17. already sounding painfully middle-aged. I'm not sure [would wish them on anyone.

> JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Peter Ackroyd on two books that assess the far-reaching influence of a writer who knew the importance of being talked about

Wilde and "Bosie", Lord Alfred Douglas: a fatal romance

The daily assembly at my

morning with a prayer and a

song. Some of the most memo-rable lines from my teenage

years come from Tagore's

selection of poems, Gitanjali: Where the mind is without

fear and the head is held high: Where knowledge is free: Where the world has not been

broken up into narrow domes-

Where the clear stream of

reason has not lost its way into

the dreary desert sand of dead

Where the mind is led forward

by thee into ever-widening

Into that heaven of freedom.

Yeats and Thomas Sturge

Moore in 1912-13. They were

also, plong with Robert Frost's

and his much admired avant-

garde paintings, a tiny extract

from his novel, fragments of

poems, epigrams and three

out of the 2,500 songs that

Tagore wrote and composed.

SATURDAY

thought and action -

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boarding school in North India began each

An Oscar worth winning

t began, like so many fatal romances, in Paris, Oscar Wilde, still relatively young and with only a volume of his poems as a passport, travelled to that city in order to pay homage to the French masters of style. He always proclaimed his great debt to Mallarmé and the other Symbolists, for example, although he borrowed their mystery rather than their magnificence. One of this charmed circle was André Gide; he was a young man who, like most hedonists, possessed a strong sense of the spiritual. As a boy he slept on wooden boards with the New Testament for company; but the laurel wreath is sometimes more appealing than the crucifix, and Gide urned to verse.

It was in this guise that he first encountered Wilde but the scenes of the earliest meetings, as recounted by Jonathan Fryer, contain more comedy than poetry. Wilde "sidled up" to Gide and whispered to him, "Do you know why Christ did not love his mother? Because she was a virgin!" Immediately they arranged to have dinner, and were old friends by the time they sat down. At a slightly later date Wilde gazed at Gide's mouth. "I don't like your lips," he murmured.
"They are straight like those of someone who has never lied. I want to teach you how to lie, so your lips become beautiful and twisted like those of an antique mask." It was enough to turn any young poet's

head, and Fryer suggests that Gide felt himself to have been "spiritually raped"; it is lucky he got off so lightly. Like any pilgrim, Fryer treads over familiar if sacred ground; André and Oscar recounts Wilde's history as well as the slightly less notorious career of Gide himself who, apparently, tried to convince himself of his own heterosexuality before being "taken" in the sand-dunes of North Africa by a local Arab. Thereafter he

would "chance upon young goat-herds", with their charming little flutes, and "the lyricism of such scenes penetrated the marrow of his bones". This last phrase is characteristic of Fryer's somewhat overheated prose: it seems that anyone who writes about Wilde finds it necessary to enter a Turkish bath of style. Gide is perhaps the one who

suffers most in Fryer's account. He emerges as a mildly irritating and somewhat peevish creature, torn in so many different directions that it is surprising he managed to remain in one piece. That is why his friendship never survived Wilde's disgrace. He refused to speak in his defence after the trials and, having been elected as "Mayor of the small Normandy commune of La Roque", was embar-rassed to be seen with him in Paris. Anyone who puts a Normandy commune before a great artist can hardly be forgiven, but movements of time and fate are mysterious. Gide was eventually awarded the

Nobel Prize and settled down as a grand old man of European literature, even as Wilde himself was being progress of the war. Maud Allen dismissed as a parish of no importance. Like many who know that they are guilty of bad faith, Gide alternately patronised and misrepresented Wilde in subsequent essays. But of course it was the true genius who triumphed in the end.

Fryer believes that Wilde in fact always "haunted" Gide, but, as Philip Hoare points out in Wilde's Last

> By Jonathan Fryer Constable, £30 ISBN 0.094757201 WILDE'S LAST STAND By Philip Hoare Duckworth, £16.95 ISBN 07156-2737-6

ANDRE AND OSCAR

Stand, that was not necessarily a unique phenomenon. This book might almost be entitled Wilde's last trial because, at its centre, is the account of an extraordinary legal case at the end of the First World War when almost 50,000 English people were accused of being "ruled by the still extant culture of Oscar Wilde".

The names of Maud Alian and Noel Pemberson Billing are now quite forgotten, but their confrontation in the Old Bailey created what one newspaper called "extraordinary

wished to dance Wilde's Salome in a somewhat suggestive manner but Pemberton Billing, MP and owner of a newspaper ominously entitled The Vigilante, accused her of pandering to "the cult of the clitoris". He was excused his use of the last word on the grounds that it was known only to the medical profession.

So a great libel case was brought. Legal proceedings of a salcious nature are the true popular entertainment of the British people and, much to everyone's delight, the details became more shocking by the hour. Pemberton Billing and his associates insisted that Maud Allen and Wilde's Salome were part of a larger conspir-acy, organised by Germans, to de-stroy the moral fabric of the nation. It was a secret movement of intellectuals and aristocrats who were in turn the willing parmers of prostitutes and homosexuals, actresses and politicians. The names of Asquith and Haldane were mentioned; it was intimated that the judge of the case itself, Justice Darling, also appeared in a "black book" of eminently

corruptible officials. The name of Wilde was on ever one's lips largely because some of his old associates and friends were involved in the course of the trial. Two of the blasted remnants of the Wilde circle, Alfred Douglas and

Robert Ross, haunted the court like those ghosts of dead beauty invoked by Pope. Of course they turned upon each other and Douglas pursued Ross's own possible appearance in the notorious "black book" with a venom worthy of his father.

hilip Hoare suggests that this revolt of the populist Pemberton Billing against the established authorities did indeed mark the end of 19th century culture: but with the quixotic mixture of actresses and politicians, editors and prostitutes, we might also be witnessing the end of 18th century society as well. It was the last stand of the liberal Whiggish tendency in English politics.

It is an interesting and intriguing tale, but of course it has no moral. It ended in tears and the usual triumphalist pieties, according to the status of the respective parties, and then was quite forgotten. But, one element has survived. Jonathan Fryer registers the impression Wilde made upon his contemporaries, and Phillip Hoare discusses the effect which he had upon posterity. He began as a sensation, came to maturity as a lesson in cultural history, and ended as one of the most important figures of the 19th century. At least, as he once remarked to a prison visitor, the English could no longer pretend that they had never

Vision that tried to see everything

Ardashir Vakil

RABINDRANATH **TAGORE** An Anthology Edited by Krishna Dutta and Andrew Robinson Picador, £20 ISBN 0330349627

my Father, let my country SELECTED LETTERS These lines were translated OF RABINDRANATH from the Bengali original by TAGORE Tagore in collaboration with

Edited by Krishna Dutta and Andrew Robinson Cambridge University Press, £60 ISBN 0 521 59018 3

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening, the favourite lines of India's most famous It is an ambitious compilation Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Not surprisingly. for a 400 page book. Some-Jutta and Kobinson Includ times the pieces are too short them in their packed antholoor too abridged to really convey the flavour of the work: gy, along with a selection of letters, a newly translated onethe songs are rendered impoact play, two short memoirs of his childhood and boyhood. tent without their haunting. timeless tunes. Here, if ever, various essays, black and there is a good case for a CD to be pocketed in the back flap of white photographs of Tagore

this pricey anthology. The most rewarding and revelatory part of this book, for Western readers (for whom, the editors confess, this book is mainly intended) is the

Tagore's best short stories. The first one. The Conclusion. is a masterpiece. Reading it, even on a grey and rainy London morning, brought tears to my eyes. Not tears of sadness or joy, but the tears one might shed listening to Bach or while watching a poignant moment from a Satyajit Ray film: manmade creations of such sublime simplicity and beauty that only nature could match:

"In the course of life one sees a great many faces, but only a few become fixed in the mind, not for their external appeal but for some other quality — a transparency perhaps. Most faces do not give away much of the personality; but the trans parent face - the face in a thousand - clearly reveals the mystery behind it and immediately impresses itself on the mind. Mrinmayi's face was one of these. Her eyes held all the wilful femininity of a nimble, unfettered fawn. It was a face that, once seen, was

not easy to forget." Such sentiments are at the heart of everything, both good and had, I have ever read.

heard or sung from the work of this great man and writer. concerned with innocence and clarity. He wants to be like the dying but happy boy in his drama The Postmaster, that begins this book. The child who is ordered to stay in bed by the village quack pleads with his father to allow him access to the window that looks out on to the "faraway hills", and all humanity that passes by. "I want to see everything — everything there is to see." Some lines later he says, "I don't know. I haven't read any books ... " A telling reversal of Mallarme's worldweary opening to Brise marine: "La chair est triste, helas! et i'ai lu tous les livres."

Ragore's work, the university he founded at Sanktiniketan ("abode of peace"), his huge body of work, seek to "knock at the doors of the mind", not through books, explanations and exams, but through the "nourishment of the imagination" and the day to day perception of the small but lutriul mysteries of lix

"I loved to stand and look

In the fartherest recesses of a

sky full of burning sunshine I would just be able to detect the thin shrill cry of a kite; and from the lane adjaining the Singhi's garden, past the houses dormant in noonday slumber, would float the singsong of the bangle-seller times my whole being would float away too."

Building the new on to the old: view of Berlin, 1963, from German Photography 1870-1970 (Yale, £40)

No heart without soul

In the Directory: Marcel Berlins on The Crime Writer's Handbook and Simon Barnes on Edmund O. Wilson's In Search of Nature

the u sort of truism that successful novelists rarely make successful playwrights (Joyce, James, Bellow, et all, and on the evidence of this 84 page novella by play-wright Simon Gray (Cell Mates. The Common Pursuit) the opposite is also the case. Breaking Hearts is a self-

absorbed farce which holds the reader to ransom — as his alcoholic protagonist Professor Helena Twiscombe is held to ransom by a perfidious student. After a clumsy changeover in narrator near the beginning, the text is all in the hands of this nameless lemale lago.

Addressing herself to Twiscombe (as Twiskers") she boars of her con-

Russell Celyn

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BREAKING

HEARTS

By Simon Gray

Faber, £5.99

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quests, humili ating casy campus targets correct faculty foreign students who are never more than cariratures.

The book culminates in the seduction of Helena's Australian niece Sissy who, naked, is tied up in chains when she should have been accompanving Helena to the opera. This seduction is the novel's acme no less, but it remains curiously inert. And de-

spite the bondage and the sado-masochism that accompanies it, un-

Gray leaves a few clues that Helena, delusional and hallucinatory, may herself be the author of this student's "diary" (all drunks are unreliable narrators). But it is a case of a few clues too many (or too late) as it is plainly obvious, as both narratives are written with the same phrasing, in the same timbre, trading in the same comic mode. This from the diary: "When people, all those people, and all these people give me the eye, between-mykees (let's shorten this or htl -

not to be confused with bit, which is a sandwich, Twiskers) — bti is always aware. Because bti is right in the centre of my brain."

And this from Helena: "But my students are on the whole too dim to notice even my coarsest physical characteristics — the wart underneath my nose, the thickness of my neck, my slightly soiled blouse (it

soils itself the moment [put it on. however clean my hands), my dumpling legs, my shoes that only look sensially gripping

READING Giles Mac-Donogh's absorbing book

about the new German capi-

tal, you might wonder why

anyone ever bothered with

Berlin at all. Situated in an

inaccessible corner of north-

east Europe, with minimal

cultural traditions, no cui-

sine and centuries of dismal

housing, Berlin seemed to

become merely the plaything of those accursed 18th- and

19th-century Fredericks and

Williams of Prussia (who generally preferred Potsdam

anyway). Their ambitious

conceptions eventually went

to ruin, first under the Nazis

- helped by the work of

Allied bombers - then under

How to make a 500-page

book out of that? Mac-

Donogh manages admira-bly. He eschews the obvious

chronological mode, and tackles this weirdly mutated

city thematically: architec-ture, society, the arts, even

food and drink ta particular

interest of MacDonogh's).

The chapter on Berlin's phys-

ical disposition is the longest:

no city in Christendom -

with the exception of Jerusa-

lem - has undergone such

massive construction and de-

struction, only to emerge against all logic with its identity renewed.

the communists.

throbbing feet." The best comparison [can come up with for Simon Gray is Tom Sharpe. Except Sharpe is funny. Gray makes the mistake of presuming certain scenes are intrinsically comic, like one in which an American student is conned into believing that the

Gray: flat farce

is a known rabies carrier. Here, the prose is on the level of bar-room banter: " 'Oh, shit. Oh, shit. Oh, shit! Think of Minnie Mouse squeaking 'Oh, shit!" It was like that." The critic Roland Barthes has said: "A text's unity lies not in its origin but in its destina-

dog who bit her

tion" - with the reader. The novelist has not the same recourse as a playwright to actors and set designers to help sell the message. Fiction is not a team sport. Gray has neglected to do much of the work of a novelist and the result is a truncated half-book.

Tales from the city of change wealth of detail on the fever-James Woodall

By Giles MacDonogh Sinclair-Stevenson, £25 ISBN 1856195252

This is key to understanding Berlin: its ill-mannered ry and a half.

MacDonogh offers a

ish building which enlarged and transformed the city in the 19th century. However, MacDonogh's attention to architectural minutiae also slows the book down, leaving less space for portraying the Berlin most of us want to read about, the city of the inter-war Weimar Republic.

Indeed, the supreme irony of any such study of Berlin is that one of its key buildings. the imperial Schloss, bearing vital traces of 500 years of the city's evolution, can only have a ghostly presence: symbolising as it did so much about the triumphalist Prussian past, the communists blew it up in 1950. MacDonogh's many descriptions of this architectural dinosaur read more like an enthusiast's praise for a forgotten Berlin than a valid act of reconstruction.

Nonetheless, MacDonogh is finally true to his own dictum: "Berlin is a self-destructive place," he says. There has rarely been any sentiment about the past. This was no truer than in 1945, when most of what MacDonogh writes about had gone. Fifty years later, in a vast, leafy and variegated urban landscape, it is hard to imagine the gutted Hades left by two years of total war. MacDonogh's evocations of it are vivid and moving.

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His book is a broad history of a city remarkably resistant to continuity, although MacDonogh could have taken off his donnish hat and relaxed a bit more. I missed a fuller account of the one part of Berlin — Prenzlaver Berg. a working-class district in the former East - which does take us back through the Wall. Hitler and Weimar to a more human zone than the one found on Alexanderplaiz or in the concrete open spaces

of the West. Still. MacDonogh's historical expertise, notably over the appalling deeds of the Nazis in Berlin, results in the most honest appraisal this ever-changing city can hope for at yet another decisive moment in its troubled history.

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• BERLIN

fight for survival. While there are prehistoric traces of settlement, the city proper didn't make its mark until the mid-13th century; it be-came the capital of Brandenburg in 1486. Frederick the Great brought real dynamism to the place in the 18th century, which is why 20 years after his death Napo-leon so enjoyed defeating the Prussians - and plundering Berlin, Franco-German relations olumneted for a centu-

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nning Trouble in trying to score a

century Felipe Fernández-Armesto fears the perils of chronology

TWENTIETH:

CENTURY

Volume I: 1900-1933

By Martin Gilbert

HarperCollins, £30

istories of the 20th century are like buses: you wait nearly a hundred years for one and then they all come along at once. To distinguish his, Martin Gilbert has devised two strategies. First, he has written at conspicuous length; his opening volume has 927 pages, while two others of equal corpulence are promised or threatened. Secondly, he has adopted a daring-ly antiquated method. Except for the additional chapters on the First World War, each chapter covers a single year from 1900 to 1933 inclusive. Sir Martin has chosen to

be the analyst of his subject. Annals suited ancient and primitive societies, where astrology commanded assent and where human

life was thought to reflect the solar cycle. This was a largely unjustified assumption: 12 calendar months is a period almost devoid of historical significance. In the modern world, historians have

gradually abandoned annual registers for less restrictive formats, which enable the reader to follow an entire story. Or they prefer an analytical approach which exposes the relationships between events.

in abandoning these advantages. Sir Martin has made impressive gains. Like Confucius in the great chronicle of early Chinese history, the Chun Chiu, he gives morai stature to an apparently unadorned catalogue of episodes by piling up horrors and atrocities. Although only the First World War is recounted without interruption, a picture of the century does unfold, composed of high politics and pop culture. A coherent, if unremarkable, thesis underpine the work: the The century

THE HEADY New York art world of the late 1980s - with its

glamorous parties, postmodern double speak and spiralling prices—is a subject ripe for saure. In this,

her third novel, Fernanda

Eberstadt rises to the occasion with

typically dazzling verbal virtuosity

and wit: with an insider's unflinch-

ing eye; and with, most important-

ly, a fierce resistance to cartoonish

reductiveness. When The Sons of

Heaven Meet the Daughters of the

Earth is frequently hilarious, but it

is also a considered explanation of

the interweaving of art, commerce

and affection, an acute account of

its characters' quests for transcen-

At the novel's core is Isaac

Hooker, the eccentric and ebullient

protagonist of Eberstadt's last.

book, Isaac and His Devils. A

brilliant, lumbering myope from

rural New Hampshire, a Harvard

dropout and an abrasive icono-

clast, Isaac has arrived in the big

city to seek his fortune. After

sleeping rough and scraping by for

months, he discovers the glory of

art in a class for the homeless:

Now, drawing pictures was all

once unleashed upon politics, hist-

ory, science and poetry - even

friendship - was now funnelled

solitarily into this one silent thing.

dence in an often fatuous world.

racy have struggled to survive.

A fluent style carries the reader through abrupt changes of scene. There are amusing juxtapositions. The chapter on 1929, for instance, opens with the "outlawing" of war and ends with the yo-yo, patented to the tune of Happy Days Are Here Again. In between come chillingly dead-pan paragraphs on the stock market crash.

These are qualities good enough to atome for many faults. The defects of Sir Martin's method, however, outweigh its merits. The uniformity of pace is soporific. The chapters are repetitive. The rhythm becomes predictable: relentless political histoires évènementielles, grindingly long and detailed, are followed by perfunctory listings of

such innovations as sliced bread, the A HISTORY OF THE World Series victory for the Boston first performance of The Wizard of Oz. The effect at times is of a cross between Keesing's Contemporary Ar-chives and The Guinness Book of

Records. Coherence is achieved by sacrificing coverage of the science and art which have transformed our relationship with the world and our way of perceiving it. Under 1905 there is no mention of the theory of relativity. Einstein appears only once in the book, in a subordinate clause, as a peace lobbyist in 1917. Freud emerges from neglect only to approve of Austria's war policy. There is no reference to worldshaking innovations in physics

during the period. Cubism is omitted from the chapter on 1907: indeed, most of the visual arts - which record and reshape our world-view - are treated

nor the Surrealist Manifesto in that on 1924, despite the power of these and social imaginations. No literary movement is dealt with. Religion is virtually ignored.

Except for Wittgenstein, who features as a combatant in the First World War, no philosophers appear. Yet that dim-witted diplomat, Sir Horace Rumbold, of whom Gilbert has written a biography, is repeatedly invoked as a witness of his times. It is impossible to understand or adequately to portray political and military events without the glutinous cultural context which sticks to them. Yet Gilbert says disproportionately little about changing values and habits, the growth of cities, the increase of populations, the demographic balance, the economic background of politics, agronomy, ecology or the effects of the revolu-

tion in communications. Even the political coverage is too limited for its length. The impres-(War", a.; With industrance inroughout. The sion of a "century of war" is the make it rare and paradoxes which will revise his plan and make the

another cause would create an equally partial effect. He fails to mention Mexico in the chapter on 1911, where British unrest gets twice as much space as Chinese Revolution. Readers learn little about countries of immense size and importance - nothing of Brazil. nothing of Argentina, except that an abortive communist uprising took place there in 1917.

arcissism is one of modem western historiography's worst vices. Gilbert has given us another westerner's history, in which the rest features chiefly when it impinges on Europe and the United States. We do not get the "fair balance of regions" we are promised. Too much of the book is compiled from sources it resembles, like Cassell's History of England and newspapers of record. Gilbert selects what was "in the news". In consequence, the story is shorn of discoveries which might terrible century, of frustrated. Futurist Manifesto makes no appresult of Gilbert's concentration on might enliven it. For the "century of remaining volumes shorter, or hopes, when liberalism and democ-pearance in the chapter on 1909, that theme. Equal selectivity in war has also been the century of more interesting, or both.

pacificism. The frustrated hopes have coincided with unprecedented progress. Uncontainable change has left vast areas of the world mired in stagnancy. The century of ecology has been peculiarly de-structive of nature. The century of youth has left us with a vast cohort of the elderly to care for. The century of democracy has been the century of dictators. The century of science and secularism has been that of revived faith. Our utopias have nourished moral malaise.

suicide and crime. Sir Martin could have developed these contrasts in pursuit of his declared aim "to explore" failed expectations of "inevitable progress towards perfection". As it is, they are driven between the lines of the political and military narrative by a method wasteful of space. The author's loyalty to the annalists' tradition is admirable but in this book he has taken it too far. With nearly 2,000 pages apparently still to come, we can hope that Gilbert

Ffion Jenkins on the call of the valleys

Just as Welsh as you feel

acteristics of a nation? How does geographic distance and the use of a language effect one's sense of national identity? To be Welsh, does one have to be hospitable, musical, eloquent and enthusiastic? Perhaps it takes a foreigner to ask the question in the first place, as Pam Petro does in Travels in an Old Tongue. She is aptly named, for "pam" means "why" in Welsh and "why" is a question that dominates this account of a world tour searching for. and conversing haltingly with. Welsh speakers in far flung destinations. Why do the Welsh persist

in speaking the language? Why would an American want to learn it? Above all, why would anyone want to travel the world in search of Welsh speakers?

Petro, an American traveller writer of German-Hungarian descent, takes in-

spiration from a Weish language course in Lampeter and begins her journey there, ending it in Welsh-speaking Paragonia. In between, 14 countries are traversed, several Welsh societies are uncovered, and the "Welsh" qualities of hospitality and welcome are constantly put to the test. în each country. Ms Petro seeks out Welsh expats or a local expert on Welsh culture and explores with them the nature of Weishness, where possible through the medi-um of Welsh. The result is a varied, occasionally contradictory collection of views of Wales and the Weish from all over the world bound together by Ms Petro's own observations and shot through with the juxtaposition of Welsh and

other cultures. This may seem like a journey in search of a justification, but to think so is not very Welsh. On the other hand, the spirit in which Petro undertakes the journey is very Welsh, for one of the many indis-putable truths reflected in the book is that when Welsh people meet, they invariably seek to establish a

connection through family ties or acquaintance. And there usually is one. Pamela Petro applies a global dimension to the task, searching for a way through the language barrier to connect with Welsh speakers who, like herself, are in selfimposed exile. Not an easy task, given her very imperfect under-

standing of the language. One expat in Oslo calls his Welsh "the ones who left" and Travels in an Old Tongue is un account of Wales and the Welsh language through the eyes of those who have left. Their observations do not always ring true, but nonetheless paint a fascinating portrait of a country, its language and people, viewed from the out-

TRAVELS IN AN continents is im-**OLD TONGUE** bued with an Touring the World awareness of the Speaking Welsh By Pamela Petro HarperCollins, E18 ISBN 00002556561

bizarre nature of her quest, and her successes and failures are recounted with self-deprecating humour and honesty. Occasionally self-indulgent, the account is nevertheless

compelling reading as cultures and prejudices clash all over the world. Not unsurprisingly, Ms Petro raises more issues than she answers. She explores the link between language and identity without offering a firm conclusion, at times suggesting that Welshness and the Weish language are inextricably linked, at others implying simply that you are as Welsh as you feel. She also raises historical controversies about the English domination of Wales with a convert's zeal, aware of the fact that to become a dysgwr (learner) of Welsh is to take a political stance, though she confesses that she does not

know quite what that means for an American. Definitions of Welshness and of nationhood have been attempted many times before, but this particular attempt is suffused with a love of the Welsh language that is infectious and, regrenably, probably incomprehensible to most of its



Fernanda Eberstadt: vivid colour and texture in her prose

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Andrew Pall

There is a fashion for novels about the First World War. The names of Pat Barker and Sebastian Faulks come to mind. I confess to feeling uneasy with such work, preferring to re-read the poems and memoirs of those

who actually took part.
Robert Edric's In Desolate Heaven skirts such objections. by taking place after the armistice, in neutral Switzerland, and by coming at the horror of the war from a civilian point of view.

The novel is set around a lakeside hotel where Elizabeth Mortlake has brought her anorexic sister-in-law Mary in search of respite from their grief for her slaughtered airman brother. Mary's husband. They find no peace. At the novel's opening, in one of its most haunting images. their retreat is invaded by a procession of walking woundtd. who come down each day. to the shore from a nearby

This hospital is full of castiatties - "blind, legless, arm-Ess, faceless, crazy". Through

Claire Messud

Heavenly creatures

WHEN THE SONS OF HEAVEN MEET THE DAUGHTERS OF THE EARTH

By Fernanda Eberstadt Harvill, £15.99 ISBN 1860464017

Pictures seemed safer than words." He paints ludicrously unfashionable pictures. New Hampshire scenes with religious themes; and ekes a living as an assistant to a fashionable SoHo framer. Fate, with a little help from

Isaac's flashy roommate Casey Hanrahan, leads him to the Geblers, Alfred and Dolly, artistic philanthropists whose life's work is the Aurora Foundation: The premise of Aurora was simple: to choose a few men and women of genius and bank them for life." They are an unlikely pair: Alfred, Jewish and from Brooklyn, is something of a roue: Dolly is prim and fastidious. Only in their com-mitment to art - and in their children - are they conjoined.

Isaac wanted to do. The energy he'd The Gebler's fortune is Dolly's The aspirin queen, her husband called her") and their taste is minimalist, avant-garde. Eberstadt

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HEAVEN

By Robert Edric

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the enigmatic Captain Jame-

son, an English officer who

comes and goes at the hotel,

Elizabeth gets to know them -

especially Captain Hunter,

with whom Jameson has a

particular affinity. Hunter is

awaiting court martial. His

offence was to protest when

his superiors plotted to sacri-

fice his men in the tunnels

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be present at scenes of un-

imaginable carnage. There is

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creates memorable comic scenes of the Geblers in their glamorous world of guarded and tasteful opinion; and among them she casts Isaac, "an oversized Fragonard, all pink and gold", whose impatience with decorum is matched by the force of his own ideas.

What ensues is inevitable and poignant: initially Alfred's "discov-ery" Isaac is whisked, by Dolly, into the maelstrom of the downtown art scene. The relationship between this bristly grande dame and her peculiar young protegé is impeccably drawn, and their companions look on, bemused, as both are irrevocably altered by it.

The novel's other central character is the city of New York, which vibrates in all its seasons through Eberstadt's pyrotechnic prose, just as the textures of rural New England emerged so vividly in Isaac and His Devils. When the Sons of Heaven Meet the Daughters of the Earth is a more tightly plotted, less intellectually sprawling novel than its predecessor, but the two books should be read together; not only do they reveal Isaac to be one of the most intriguing protagonists of recent times, they also show the breadth of Eberstadt's literary range, her formidable capacity to bring life, in all its facets, most fully to the page.

that they know that they can Courage do. Elizabeth's effort to understand this matches the reader and becomes it.

At the book's heart there is a deep darkness in which sex and death are intermingled. It is not just the darkness of the were killed. It transpires that Jameson has become a dealer in pomography. An abyss of erotic excitement lies beneath all that Elizabeth feels. At an understated climax she is aroused against her will by having her photograph taken. It is an innocent formal portrait, but in obeying every instruction of the photographer as to how she should nose, she abandons herself to him, knowing the man takes

pictures for Jameson. In Desolate Heaven is like one of those dreams where you can come awake, then fall asleep and continue where you left off: it has that kind of coherence and necessity. Apart from its poetic power, it demonstrates the truth of Plato's perception that only the a salutary sense of men not dead ever see the end of a war.

A world built from fragments

IN THE MIDWEST, you trust, perhaps because the earth is flatter there. You can see so far in every direction. you begin to think that nothing is being hidden from you.' So says the narrator of Molly McCloskey's story Death of a Salesman's Wife. But in this world it is unwise to trust, as something is usually being

A taut melancholy wires its way through the stories of Solomon's Seal, as McCloskey's characters strive for small, individual moments of pleasure or peace. They are splintered, wary people who observe the perfect marriages and "right-litting lives" of others with certain competitiveness. McCloskey writes with a haunting certainty about madness, notably in the brief. harrowing story Losing Claire about a friend's gradual sur-

render: "When I come closer ,.. I can hear her mind chattering as though her skull Sylvia Brownrigg

SOLOMON'S SEAL By Molly McCloskey Phoenix House, £14,00 ISBN 186590229 THE SECOND PENGUIN BOOK OF WOMEN'S **SHORT STORIES Edited by Susan Hill**

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has become a cold place to be." Though a few pieces stand out - Solomon's Seal. a subdued tale of a kind of incest, and Love's account of a couple surviving the accidental death of their infant boy - the stories build their memorable world cumulatively, piece by In the Second Penguin Book

writers in this volume, which allows for some pleasant dis-

histories: and, intriguingly, often feature male protagonists - whether in Naomi Mitchison's dreamy account of boy hostages kept by Roman soldiers or Andrea Barrett's sparkling, masterful story of Carl Linnaeus' dying days. Throughout, these writers succeed in flushing full lives from the pages, as E. Annie Proulx's dogged old hunter flushes grouse from the damp woods in An Unclouded Day. There is the wonderful delicacy of Anita Desai's rutor in Private Tu-

its own effect. The stories here

stunningly live up to that

ition by Mr. Bose, intoming Sanskrit verses on the balcony to a sulky teenager while his wife makes purees indoors. Happily. Hill has also chosen to include lesser-known madness of Catherine Merriman's The Experiment. Hill has previously put together two excellent anthologies for Penguin, each providing the reader a sample from many of the finest practitioners of the medium. It is a fine, unsung art, the art of anthologising, and Susan Hill once again proves she is a master of it.

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The future? It's all in our hands

part of everyday life for many Britons, More than seven million subscribe to cellular services, even though the first services were launched here only in 1985.

CIT Research predicts the number of UK subscribers will-hit almost 16 million by 2006. But most network traffic still comprises phone conversations, rather than data and fax transmissions.

This is despite the fact that the technology on which all four UK digital networks is based. Global System for Mobile (GSM and its derivative, Personal Communication Net-

work. PCN) was

designed originally

as a European standard with data transmission capacity as an integral part. The networks are run by Orange, Mercury One2One, Vodafone and Cellnet. The business community was expected to pioneer the alternative use of mobile phones, followed by consumers, as the availability

of services grew and their prices fell. Alternative functions include using mobile phones to download e-mail while travelling, or to find the closest French restaurant by browsing a World Wide Web-based information service. The idea would be to use the phone as a

wireless modem by inserting a specified in GSM], and you data card, then linking it to the subscriber's portable computer. To send or receive short. text-only messages, the phone can be used on its own, its screen acting like a pager.

Richard Jarvis - managing director of Vodata, the Vodafone division responsible for providing all services beyond basic voice telephony on the operator's network - says: doesn't work, it's just that there is a lack of applications, Notions that 50 per cent of traffic would be non-voice by

Some 60 per cent of business people who talk about the Net actually just want e-mail'

> 2000 is an absolute joke. I'd be amazed if non-voice traffic accounted for as many as 2 per cent of calls at the moment. although it might reach 5 per cent by the end of the century." He adds: "There has been

> too much hype. Add Internet to the mobile data marketing mix and it sounds like a winner, but it's a mismatch. Modern modems on a fixed telephone line can run at speeds between 20kbit and 30kbit per second, whereas using a mobile phone to make a connection, you get a third of that speed at best [9.6kbit is

are paying four to five times the price for the call. It isn't practical for browsing. And 60 per cent of business people who talk about the Internet actually just want e-mail."

There are signs of progress, however. Mr Jarvis says that the short-message facility, in-tegral to GSM phones, is bigger than data and growing far faster, although this is hard to quantify. The great thing about messages is that you can pick them up when it suits you without having the phone ring at an inconvenient moment". He finds

share prices a particularly popular short-

Ken Blakeslee, chairman of the UK's Mobile Data Association, has global responsibility for developing mobile applications with manufac-

turer Nortel. He thinks the use of short messages will take off once handset design improves: "At the moment, typing a message using the shift key and a phone key pad is a nightmare."

Several larger-screen phones are due out soon, and next year Nortel will launch a handset whose whole side is a touch-sensitive screen. Users can choose which keypad layout they want from a simple menu, so that if they want, say, a calculator, a number pad will appear on screen. To send



A double-glazing salesman shows customers on screen how their house could look

a message, a standard key-board will come up, and so on. Geoff Ellis, project manag-er, telecommunications, at

Price Waterhouse, supports 7,000 mobile workers who access central databases, send e-mail and so on from wherever they are working, be it the UK, the Continent or anywhere else with a GSM network. "Transmission speed might only be 9.6kbit per second, but at least it is virtually guaranteed

quicker than struggling for an hour to get a connection."

He adds that using a mobile phone "is cheaper than using a hotel phone line and a modem in at least ten European countries". On the downside, he thinks that, for now, mobile data will remain the province of large companies with big IT resources because research about which equipment really works with which software and so on is more complex than it should be.

Nortel's Mr Blakeslee agrees: "Lots of the fundamentals are in place, but things are just not flowing yet. They will soon, because business will demand it. Businesses are moving more and more towards reliance on intranets, and employees will need access to core information provided via intranets wherever they are. This is being compounded by more people being out of the office for longer

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engineers are increasingly

taking notebook computers

with built-in CD-rom players

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On a screen near you

those who have discovered that the longer they stay out of the office, the more work they can get done. Far from gossiping colleagues and safe from the clutches of the company coffee machine, this nomadic clan is reaping the benefits of mobile technology.

Among those benefiting from the latest innovations in hand-held technology are double-glazing salesmen. Handicapped for years by their reputation for spending hours with customers before producing a final quote, salesmen have seen their way of working improve dramatically.

Newly kitted out with a laptop and a printer, this updated breed can show you on screen exactly what your house would look like with different window designs. .

A pilot scheme at Caradon Everest has proved so successful that by the end of this year, 100 members of the sales force will be sent out armed with a laptop and printer. Using Shiva's LanRover remote access servers and software developed by Miller Management, the software and information technology consultancy, all the information. from the salesman's laptop goes straight back to Everest head office, and the salesman can pick up new inquiries at the same time.

According to Bob Southward, IT manager at Everest: "There was a great deal of cynicism among the salesmen that the guys in IT could

R oad warriors is the hitech term coined for worked. There has been a significant reduction in the number of cancellations, and the increase in sales has been substantial. It gives the salesmen much more credibility with the customers."

Via their laptops, Everest salesmen, who spend an average of two hours with each customer, have access to a vast picture library. Whether the customers live in a Georgian or a Victorian house and want leaded or non-leaded windows, they will be able to see at a glance exactly what they are buying. Used as a pricing tool, the computers enable salesmen to close a deal on site.

he ordering process has also been speeded up so that customers receive a printout of the contract at the end of a consultation. For posterity's sake, the old TV advertisements featuring Ted Moult have been captured on the mobile multi-media equip-

Colin Peto, divisional sales manager at Everest, was one of the first to use the hi-tech equipment in the field. "It gives the salesman an expanded brain," he says. "Pricing windows is not as simple as people think. There are so many different designs and options that it's hard for salesmen to remember them.

The beauty of the technology is that the customer regards it as a reliable source of information."

MORAG PRESTON



TODAY'S notebook computers can do almost everything a desktop machine can, in a format smaller and lighter than a phone book.

Don't look on them as portable computers, however. Short battery life makes access to a power supply essential and colour screens are washed out in bright sun, so working out on the patio is not an option. But executives and engineers who travel to offices, factories or construc-

tion sites find the ability to take their own comput set up the way they like it and carrying the software they need — is invaluable.

The downside is that a sales team assembling at the airport looks like a Victorian expedition to Africa, laden with bags of every conceivable shape and size. Those who need portable computer power to gather information rather than disseminate it. travel much lighter.

Some estate agents, for example, tote notebook computers to houses they are surveying. A laser-based "digital tape measure" records the room dimensions, and the pictures are taken with a digital camera. Type in the blurb ('stone's

MOTEBOOK COMPUTERS have the benefit of computerthrow from station, extensive but manageable gardens") assisted diagnosis.

Reuters, the news network, issues notebook computers to sales staff, managers, jour-nalists and corporate trainers. Journalists use Ascentia notebooks from AST Computer to write stories and file them using GSM digital

Many observers believe it

is only a matter of time before notebook computers take over from desktop modeis entirely. When screen technology gives notebooks the same sort of brightness and contrast as cathode-ray tube monitors, many an exec-utive will prefer a computer that can be folded up and put out of the way. Then the domination of the notebook computer will be complete.

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When speed is of the essence

munications are rapidly replacing hand-portable radio for communicating with workers in the field. New technology is reducing response times for organisations ranging from emergency doctors and medical-equipment maintenance staff, to ticket inspectors on buses and recovery garages working for the Automobile Association.

Independent garages han-die 200 to 300 jobs each day from organisations such as the AA. Until recently, communication took place by telephone, fax or private mobile radio (PMR). Colin Bailey, manag-ing director of independent garage South Bank Recovery, says: "When we contacted drivers over the PMR system. they had to pull over and take down the job details by hand. In central London this could take as much as ten minutes." Now the AA is using the Turbo Dispatch system from Motor Trade Software (MTS),

simplify and speed up the When the AA receives a job, the details are entered onto its command and control system and the job is allocated to a garage via the RAM network. When the garage receives the job, an audible tone sounds on the PC and information such as job number, AA member's name, registration number, vehicle and fault type appear

operating over the RAM pub-

lic wireless data network, to

on screen. The garage accepts the job by RAM and the AA controller's screen changes colour to reflect the changed job status. The garage then transmits the job information over RAM to a mobile data terminal in the recovery vehicle. As the driver accepts the job, the colour of the job status alters on the garage's PC. Information about the job status is transmitted back to the garage as complete, the driver sends fault information, mileage and job result back to the garage

for invoicing to the AA. Some garages estimate that at peak times job capacity can be increased by as much as 30 per cent. Mr Bailey says: "Dispatch time is down to two or three seconds; a saving of four hours a day for each dispatcher, let alone the time savings for each driver."

Bill Diegutis, the AA's man-The system eliminates any Sue Spenceley Burch reports on how the new technology is helping the emergency services



Stephen Price, general manager of Thamesdoc, with a Cognito quick response car

inaccuracies and misunderstandings that can occur with voice communications." RAM is one of three mobile

data communications opera-

tors in Britain providing packet-switched networks - the Paknet. The networks differ from circuit-switched

need a dedicated channel for communication. While that channel is being used, no other user can access it.

dows from Microsoft. Files

THE first pocket computer was, arguably, the HP-35 from Hewlett-Packard, launched 25 years ago. Although really a glorified calculator, it could run simple programs.

The design aim was simple — to enable engineers to use computer power exactly where and as needed. The idea came from HP cofounder William Hewlett himself, who said: "You ought to be able to put it in your pocket and attend a meeting without having to hauf out something that isn't

PALMTOP DIVERSITY

Since then, designers have been developing more powerful computers in smaller packages, though the final aim, a fully functional personal computer that will fit in your pocket, is still a long way off.

There is a huge variety to choose from. Market leader Psion has gone for the miniature computer variety in its latest model, the Series 5, launched last month.

are readily transferable from a Windows CE palmtop to the desktop. Hewlett-Packard, Philips. Casio and others now sell Windows CE palmtops, but lack some of the Psion's Palmtops in the form of

tablets with touch-sensitive screens are probably the easlest to use on the move. Apple's Newton, able to recognise handwriting, got a bad press on its launch, but is now much better.

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break the data into sections, or packets, that travel independently across the network. The signal is relayed via stations. like radio or television signals, rather than via a cellular network. Packet-switching allows multiple users to access the same channel and avoid network congestion. It also enables RAM to charge only for the data transmitted, not for

GSM, the digital mobile telephone system, also provides data transmission via its short message system (SMS). its voice services. RAM claims that by dedicating its network to short and frequent data exchange, it can support more users and transmit data faster. GSM gives priority to voice transmission, which means messages could be delayed at peak voice-use times.

Mobile data communications are also being used to contact doctors on-call. Thamesdoc, a co-operative of GPs formed three years ago, uses Cognito's hand-held Messagers. Details are taken from patients by a telephonist and are sent to the doctor over Cognito's network, Information on the patient's name, address, age and symptoms arrive in seconds. The telephonist can see when the message has been read and the doctor replies with the action taken. As the doctor's reply leaves the GP can be faxed with details of

ognito charges Thamesdoc a fixed monthly fee, making it possible to budget in advance. Stephen Price, Thamesdoc's general manager, says: "We invested £20,000 in the Cognito system, but am convinced that savings will be apparent within the first

Dedicated mobile data services such as RAM and Cognito are ideal for larger users, who can afford to invest in specialised equipment. Jonathan Morgan-Jones. researcher at the Telecom Managers Association, predicts new developments will

soon bridge the gap for small-

er organisations. "Users want integrated equipment, providing both voice and data communications — such as the Nokia 9000. In the next year we will phones, currently

Packet-switched networks being developed by manufacturers such as Motorola.

"These are likely to use new browser software called HDML (handheld devices markun language), a variant of HTML, the language used to create Web pages. This effectively provides page information onto the mobile-phone screen and could well be the future for large and small operations alike."

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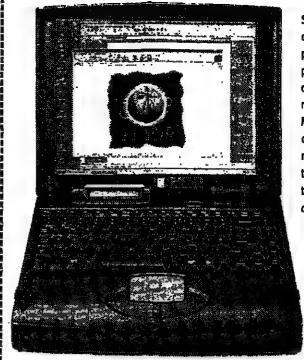
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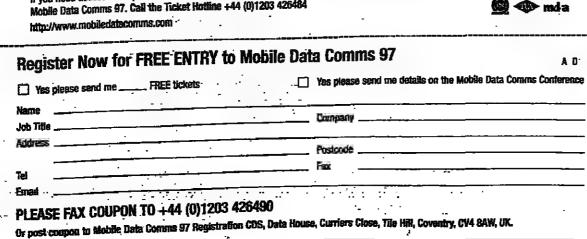
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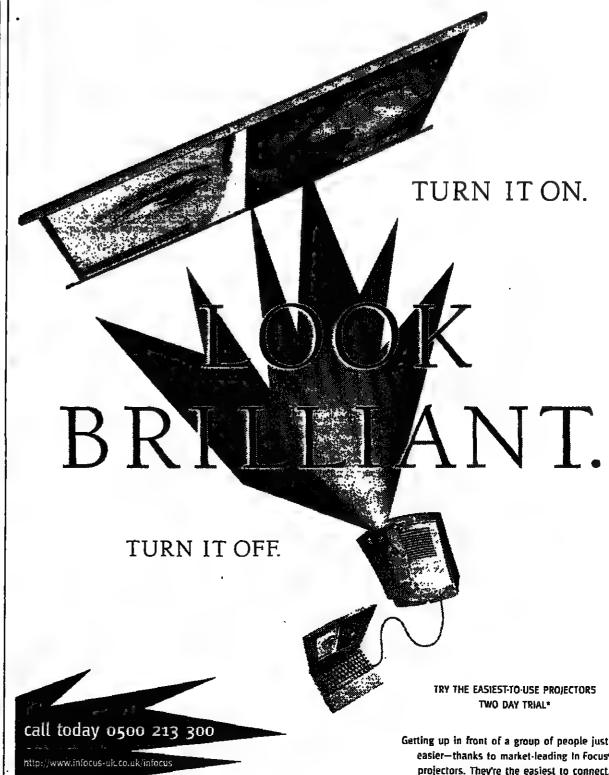
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HOLIDAYS

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KOS for £399 a person for a fortnight's First Choice selfcatering holiday with a flight from Manchester on Wednesday is on offer from Co-op Travelcare. Details: 0541

■ MALTA for a fortnight's self-catering holiday with a flight from Stansted on July 31 will cost £266 a person from Advantage Travel Centres. Details: 0900 881888.

■ GRAN DORADA's holiday village at Heilbachsee is available for breaks coinciding with the Rhine in Flames Festival on August 9. Three nights for two adults and two children, including ferries and self-catering, costs from £350. Details: 01242 255000.

■ HORSERIDING, with a guide, in the Corbières hills of southern France from one farmhouse to another is avail-

able from Inntravel for a week from August 10, including a flight from Gatwick. Price: £863 a person, with half-

■ BANGKOK for five nights for £430 a person with a nonstop flight from Heathrow is on offer from Qantas Holidays from August 10. Add a week in Phuket for an extra E180. Details: 0990 673464.

board. Details: 01653 628862

TUSCANY or Umbria for E299 a person for a week's selfcatering with flights from Gatwick on August 23 and 30 is available from Impulse Holidays. Price based on two sharing and includes car hire. Details: 0181-741 9007.

■ BUNKHOUSE accommodation for three nights in a converted stable and loft in Langwathby in Cumbria, plus full breakfast, is available from E39 a person. Details: 01768 881581.

JAMAICA for a fortnight from £349 a person with roomonly accommodation and a flight from Newcastle on August 14 is on offer from Going Places, Details: 01483 771144,

FERRIES

SWANSEA Cork Ferries has introduced a special midweek fare. The £298 return, for a car and five adults, is available until August 18 on any day except Friday or Saturday. Details: 01792-456116.

three-day return tickets available on routes from Dover to Calais and from Portsmouth to Le Havre and Cherbourg. A return costs £50 (with a free bottle of wine) for a car and two passengers. Valid until September 12 for travel by September 14. Details: 0990 980980.

■ IRISH FERRIES is selling fil9 one-way Pembroke-Rosslare tickets for a car and five adults until August 31. The fare is for midweek crossings at night. Fares rise to 5159 at weekends. Details:

■ THE lowest offer on Dover-Calais available for this summer closes on Saturday. Sea France has returns from E49, rising to 595 at peak periods for a car and up to nine passengers. Book by Saturday for travel by August 30. Details: (1990 711711.



KIRKER HOLIDAYS is offering a £150 saving to Times readers who want to visit the Hacienda de San Rafael in Andalucia next month. The new price of £652 a person includes return flights from Heathrow, accommodation and all meals for five days, plus car hire and sherry-tasting in Jerez. Details: 0171-231 3333.

FLIGHTS

LOWER transatlantic fares have been announced for next September. The Travel Bug has British Airways return flights to New York from Manchester, London and Birmingham for £219. Flights to Los Angeles and San Francisco (from London only) are available for £345. Details: 0990 737747.

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TRAILEINDERS has a £374 return fare to Bangkok, flying with Olympic via Athens. Details: 0171-938 3939.

■ VIRGIN Atlantic flights to Johannesburg cost E412 re-turn, including tax, if pur-chased by Friday, Travel before September 30. Details from Air Tickets Direct 0990

EXTRA weekend flights between Gatwick and Lisbon have been added by AB Airlines. Excursion fares start at Ell4. Details: 0345 464748.

DISCOUNTS of 30 per cent of

normal rates are available at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane until September L. Rooms start at £188 a night Details: 0171-499 6363.

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■ USE OF the mortup swunming pool is included in the summer rate at the Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge of £110 a person a night, based on double occupancy. Details: 0171-235 6000. -

THE Hotel Londre Palace in Venice has a special rate, of about £174 a night until the end of August. The offer (minimum three nights), through Prima Hotels, includes a canal boat pass and 20 per cent off meals in the hotel. Details: 0800 181535.

THE Gleneagles golfing hotel has accommodation available for certain dates in August at £205 a night, a savings of £45 on normal rates. Details: 0800-704705.

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likely this summer

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

HOLIDAYMAKERS returning from Scandinavia, the Low Countries and the east Mediterranean face long delays this summer, because a vital air corridor over southern England has reached saturation point.

. A sudden increase in the number of airlines now flying into regional airports such as Stansted, Norwich, Luton and London City, and a surge in the number of flights to Amsterdam. Brussels and cities throughout Eastern Europe, took the Civil Aviation Authority by surprise and overwhelmed controllers guiding flights over Essex.

As a result, the four controllers and one supervisor at the West Drayton Air Traffic Control Centre, who normally staff the radars covering the Clacton area, have to instruct pilots to "stack" at Lambourne near Romford in Essex, until they can be channelled to-wards their final destination.

The main air mutes from the East and North East are funnelled towards Clacton, which is one of about half a dozen air "doorways" leading to the key airports in

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Later in the summer, the CAA plans to split the sector in two, enabling some jets to be sent through new air corridors towards Stansted and Luton while others continue to fly the existing routes towards Gatwick and Heathrow.

The problems at Clacton which some controllers have described as being similar to traffic jams on the Londonapproach side of the M40 are in danger of spoiling the CAA's record for reducing delays while handling more

In the peak summer period from July to September last year, the average delay to all flights handled by the London Air Traffic Control Centre was one and a quarter minutes. But at least 12 per cent of flights are delayed by half an

Many delays are, however, caused by a range of prob-lems, including bad weather, industrial action, security hold-ups and passengers going missing after their bags

Long air delays Britain sails into a windfall

Seafaring events from Tall Ships Races to Cowes Week are boosting tourism, reports Ronald Gribble

SAILING is bringing a multimillion pound windfall to Britain's tourist industry. As the first leg of the 25th Cutty Sark Tall Ships' Races finished in Norway yesterday, Aberdeen; where the races began last week, was predict-ing a profit of £12 million after the ships attracted an estimated 650,000 people to the city.

The races are one of three big sailing events this year to benefit British tourism. Crowds drawn by the current UK tour of the £8 million replica of Captain Cook's Endeavour are also boosting seaside economies around the coast. At Whitby in North Yorkshire, Endeavour attracted one million visitors and earned the town £6 million. On Tuesday thousands will descend on the Isle of Wight for Cowes Week, bringing a

spending boom to the island, The Tall Ships' Races, organised by the International Sail Training Association and sponsored by Cutty Sark Scots Whisky, have attracted 120 ships from 15 countries from as far as the Baltic, involving 5,000 crew members.

Festival events during the ships' four-day stay in Aberdeen included an open-air concert with the Halle Orchestra compered by Terry Wogan; a carnival parade which featured 200 Shetlanders dressed as Vikings; fireworks and displays by the Army, Marines and the RAF. As the ships set off across the bay in a parade of sail on the last day, they were saluted by a spray of Red Arrows.

John Ling, operations manager for the start of the race, said: "Accommodation in Aberdeen was completely full on the night of the race. Businesses involving tourism. travel and catering have seen a huge increase in their turnover. We feel confident that the total increase in trade in the north east of Scotland will not be less than £10 million and will probably reach £12 million."

This is a twelvefold increase on the £1 million Aberdeen made in 1991 when it last hosted the races.

En route to the start of the races, the Aberdeen-built schooper Malcolm Miller

hor at Inv

to witness the unveiling of a £65,000 memorial at the hometown of Scotland's Hercules Linton, who designed the tea clipper Cutty Sark, now on display at Greenwich. The ship, which set speed records in bringing tea from China, gave its name to the whisky that sponsors the races.

The Tall Ships event brings together young people from around the world to race in friendly competition in sailing ships which range from nearly new vessels to some more than 100 years old, and differ in size from 30ft to 400ft in length.

The organisers encourage crews to change ships at ports, so if you are a Norwegian or a Swede you may find yourself on a Scottish or Russian ship for the next leg of the voyage. Besides the glory of being

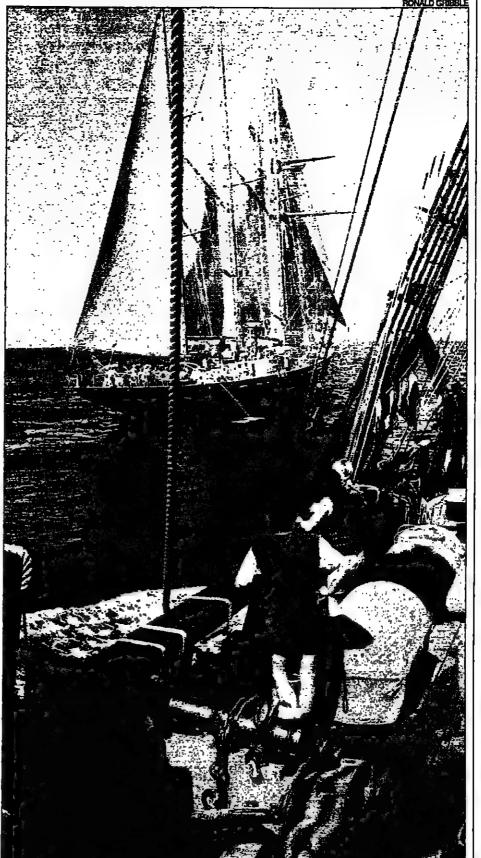
first to cross the finishing line at each stage of the races, the most coveted prize is the Cutty Sark Trophy — a solid silver model of the Cutty Sark which is awarded to the ship's crew which has contributed most to international under-

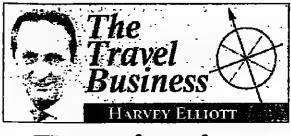
standing and friendship.
The Tall Ships' arrival in Trondheim, just 150 miles short of the Arctic Circle and the furthest north the fleet has ever ventured, coincides with Norway's third largest city celebrating its one thousand years of existence.

On Saturday the fleet will cruise by the light of the midnight sun to Stavanger the centre of Norway's oil industry - and then race the final leg to Gothenburg in Sweden, arriving by August 13 and staying for three days.

On Saturday, having visited

Scotland and the north of England, Endeavour arrives in Wales and will be on exhibition at Fishguard until August 3. After that she heads south for Falmouth (August 9-17), Plymouth (August 23-31), Weymouth (September 6-9), Brighton (September 13-21), St Helier, Jersey (September 27-October 5). Endeavour then leaves for St Male (October 7-12) before returning to Boston, Lincolnshire (October 17-19) and then Whitby (October 21-26) for maintenance. She then goes to Hull (December 24-January 4) before her voyage to the United States.





Taxation is a greedy business

A are covered in bask-ing bodies and millions who have saved for months finally relax on their summer holidays, it may seem churlish to point out the dark clouds on the horizon. But the fact is that the

taxation genie is now out of

the bottle. And the damage

being wreaked already by

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this creature of international politicians is about to become serious indeed, From November 1, for example, Britain's air passenger duty will double to £10 on domestic and Euro-

pean flights and £20 on long-haul flights. The decision was taken by the previous

Government and deliberately delayed to avoid this year's summer peak and to ensure that the new Government the complaints that are bound to follow. However.

all that will interest the millions of once-a-vear travellers is that their holidays are about to cost a lot more. It is not just Britain's poli-

greedy. America's House of Representatives wants to increase departure tax from \$6 (£3.50) to \$31. Even the Senate has proposed a rise from \$6 to \$15 and a compromise rate is likely to be announced soon.

So next year a family of four flying to Orlando, for example, may have to find at least £100 more for British and American coffers.

The French are thinking of adding the equivalent of £5 to airport dues and the Spanish want to grab an extra £4. Hardly a country in the world has not set its sights on getting its hands on as much as it can. And they can find all sorts so. Domestic air services in Norway, for example, are subject to up to 25 per cent tax on journeys where the railway is a competitor.

Russia is raising £140 million a year from European airlines by charging them £62 a passenger to fly through its airspace. In less than three years, Jakarta put its passenger charges up by 127 per cent, Beijing by 126 per cent and Montreal by 110

per cent. Overall, says the World Travel and Tourism Council, 73 per cent of the world's leading cities have increased their taxes, 13.5 have remained unchanged and a further 13.5 have

Greece discov-

reduced them. ered the hard airport way what damage these taxes can cause. Withtax genie in months of a decision to introis now out duce departure tax of about El6 a of the head, its tourism industry had albottle most collapsed.

investment in new hotels came to a standstill and necessary refurbishments did not take

Yet the demand for holiday travel is still growing. Almost 16 million flights and holidays are covered by the CAA's Air Travel Organisers' Licences this summer. Every passenger is paying, on average, £386, 15 per cent more than last year

So will anyone really notice the odd £5. £10 or even £20 a head? Not if you are a wealthy traveller or a business executive with an expenses-paid fully flexible ticket - but certainly if you are one of the majority of holidaymakers who have to budget carefully.

Enjoy this year's strong pound and cheap holidays while you can. At least the sunshine is tax free.

Russian coup for UK operator



By Harvey Elliott

A SMALL British tour operator has obtained exclusive access to the Russian state archives, containing thousands of rarely seen documents and historic items. The collection, until now closed to the public, includes the personal diaries of Tsar Nicholas and his wife, Alexandra. The diaries are in English and reveal in graphic detail the development of the Russian

The archives also contain photograph albums and correspondence from the Tsar, George V, the Kaiser and Queen Victoria, as well as a collection of Hitler's personal effects and comprehensive documents about the fall of

Nick Laing, managing director of the Wiltshire tour operator Steppes East which cialises in tailor-made visits to Russia and other former Eastern bloc countries, said vesterday: "We were contactAfrican who had obtained a contract with the director of the archive to allow people into the building to see the

"It is astonishing. Only six people at a time are allowed in and they sit around the director's table while some of the most astonishing items are brought to them. You have to pinch yourself that you are not dreaming when you hold photograph albums and letters or personal items of clothing and jewellery which. considered far too important

to be seen by the public. We are the only tour operator in the Western world with the authority to take visitors to see the collection."

 A tailored itinerary, including British Airways flights and trans-fers, three nights' B&B at the five-star Kempinski Hotel, a half-day sightseeing and entry to the ar-chives with a translator costs from £1,485 a person booked through Steppes East.

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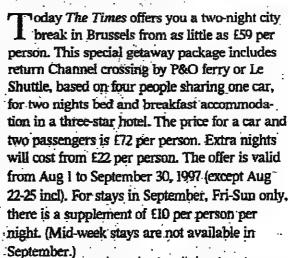
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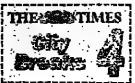


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CHANGING TIMES

Tourism to France soars despite 'rude' reputation

By Harvey Elliott

THE British holidaymaker's roller-coaster love affair with France is on again this sumner, fanned into life by the en-franc pound.

Despite being told this week that they were regarded by the rest of the world as "chronically rude, aggressive, dirty, idle and disorganised, the French are preparing for record numpers of tourists.

The Paris Chamber of Commerce interviewed 800 visitors from 16 countries and hadhoped to use their comments in a promotional campaign. Instead they were sturned by the strong language used by visitors who universally described the French as rude and

Nonetheless, France is the world's favourite tourist destination and more than 63 million foreign visitors — including ten million from Britain — will stay there this year. For British tour operators past month.

turning into a bonanza. John Harding, of Travelscene, said: "It doesn't take the British long to decide to go back to France once the conditions are right. Now that Le Shuttle and Eurostar are running smoothly, it is being recognised that it is easy to pop over to Boulogne

or Paris for lunch." Mike Bruce-Mittord, of VFB Holidays, said that he had "never experienced a more positive climate for large

The Caravan Club said that

interest was "unprecedented"; Brittany Ferries reported a 71 per cent increase in gite bookings; Lunn Poly said that French citybreaks were up 45 per cent; Cresta has had a 60 er cent increase in self-drive holidays; Eurosites say this year families are splitting their time between beach and country, and Kirker Holidays says bookings to Paris have gone up by 157 per cent in the

Tuscany, long a favourite destination for British tourists, is also proving irresistible this summer as the pound strengthens against the lira. Christopher Warman writes. From the moment of board-

ing the bus from Florence airport to the city centre (£2.20), it is tempting to say "that's very reasonable". A meal for two, with two courses, two carales of house wine, came to under £15, a strong encouragement not only to return, but (on a selfcatering holiday) to eat out more often. Not many places can match it for value, but value for money is there for all to see throughout the whole range of restaurants.

The same applies at the supermarket, where drinkable wine is available from £1.50 a bottle, Campari £4.30, and food bills compare favourably with Sainsbury's. Petrol is one exception to the general rule of bargain prices, but it is not much dearer than in Britain.

Why home is sweeter

A NEW study says that inter-national travelling executives find life away from home damaging to their health and

marriage.

Many of the 500 people polled by the Hyatt Hotel group say they resent business travel. These "world wearies", as Hyatt describes them, complain of problems with ulcers. overeating and alcohol abuse. Executives say they have missed important events in their children's lives, anniversaries and birthdays.

Hyatt identified another group - the "torn travellers" who experience similar problems, but secretly enjoy their lives as "road warriors" They viewed travel as a chance to escape the office. But they also tended to be younger and less senior than more worldweary business travellers.

Executive married women are less likely to rely on their husbands to look after the home while away. Usually another family member, friend, or hired help is asked FOOTBALL

Fifa intervenes to break Ronaldo transfer deadlock

By Our Sports Staff

MASSIMO MORATTI, the Internazionale president, is to meet Barcelona officials in Zurich next Tuesday in a bid to resolve their transfer dispute over Ronaldo, the Brazil

Fifa, the game's governing body, cleared the transfer on Tuesday, but said that Inter must pay more than the EIS million penalty clause in Ronaldo's contract. The clubs have until July 31 to agree, or Fifa will set a fee.

"There will be a meeting with Barcelona in Zurich, on neutral territory, on Tuesday, July 29." Moratti said as he emerged from an Italian league meeting in Milan. "The move is now settled, especially after the decision. The approval of the transfer is the most important thing. I feel much more relaxed now that a lot of things have been cleared up."

Inter's managing director, Luigi Predeval, added that the

if they are to be expelled from

the Football League. Brighton

face the threat of expulsion at

an extraordinary general meeting of Football League

chairmen over a failure to lodge a E500.000 bond —

requested to secure their sta-

tus while groundsharing with

another League club - by a

Steve Gritt, the manager,

who insists he will resign if

Brighton do leave the League,

said: "Because of other mat-

ters, it has become harder for

my players to concentrate on the football and be ready for

the first game. There is the

threat of expulsion and al-

though I don't think it will

come to that, we need to all

start pulling in the same direction." If they survive,

Brighton are likely to play their home matches at Gil-

June 20 deadiine.

Brighton await verdict

of Football League

20-year-old striker would ar- dlesbrough player. He has rive from Brazil tomorrow morning and undergo preliminary medical tests later in the day. Ronaldo is due to meet his new team-mates at their training ground on Saturday and make his debut, albeit a brief appearance, against Manchester United at the San Siro on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Ronaldo has criticised Barcelona for demanding even more money than the EIS million paid to release him from his contract in Spain. "How can Barcelona justify asking for more money?" Ronaldo said. "When I signed my contract with Barcelona last year, it was because I knew that for four billion pesetas Jaround E18 million!, I could leave. Now I want to know why that doesn't apply any more."

Juninho's move to Atlético Madrid has reaped an instant dividend for the former Mid-

the Bell's Scottish League first

division club. McGraw has

been with Morton for 31 years

as player, coach and manag-er, in addition to a spell in the

mid-1960s when he was a

He broke the news to his

players at lunchtime yester-day and then said: "I do not

want to go into details, but the

internal politics at this club

have made it impossible to

Morton have been sur-

rounded by takeover rumours

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manage.

striker with Hibernian.

favour with Mario Zagallo, the Brazil coach, during the Olympic Games last summer and then during the FA Carlast season, which ended in relegation. He subsequently sought a transfer to a leading Spanish club to rekindle his international prospects ahead of next year's World Cup and the move has paid off without Juninho even playing a competitive match for his new "Juninho has a special style

been recalled to the Brazil squad for matches against

South Korea and Japan next

month. Juninho, 24. who re-

cently made a £12.5 million

switch to Spain, fell out of

that can be vital for the team." Zagallo said. The coach sprang another surprise when also included Sonny Anderson, the AS Monaco striker, in the party. Anderson, the French league's player of the year in the past two seasons. has been consistently overlooked by Zagallo, who has, in the past, preferred the impressive pairing of Ronaldo and Romario in attack.

However, Romario is injured and Zagallo, Anderson's coach when he played for Vasco da Gama, said he wanted to try out as many combinations as possible before the World Cup finals in

Eight players - including Celio Silva, the new Manchester United recruit - who were in the squad for Le Tournoi in France and the Copa America have been left out for the marches against South Korea in Seoul on August 10 and Japan in Osaka three days later.
Janusz Wojcik, the former

in the boardroom for several Olympic coach, will be the months. Peter Cormack, the assistant manager, recently resigned in a cost-saving new Poland national team coach, the Polish Soccer Association (PZPN) said yesterday. Wojcik, 44, takes over from Antoni Piechniczek, who reburn Rovers goalkeeper, will sit out the start of the FA signed last month after a 2-0 Carling Premiership camhome defeat by England that

Rowers approach Blackfriars Bridge Matters worsened for Russell when he

in the 283rd Doggett's Coat and Badge race, which fully lived up to forecasts that the competition yesterday would be the keenest for many years. A further prediction by George Saunders, the licensing and training officer of the Watermen's Company, that Mike Russell, from Gravesend was marginally the favourite of the six Watermen involved - seemed less secure when Nick Howard, also of

Gravesend, led from the start.

caught his blade on Cannon Street railway bridge, the first of the II bridges to be negotiated over the five miles from London Bridge to Chelsea. Howard was still leading at Southwark Bridge, but Russell had recovered well and only three lengths covered the top five men, David Reed having been a casualty of the fast pace. At Blackfriars, Howard and Russell were prominent, but Howard's steering was becoming a little suspect and

steadier rate. By Waterloo Bridge, Russell was clear and, by Hungerford Bridge, Lenny Saunders, of Felixstowe had moved into second place. Approaching the finish. Matthew Mays, a rough but tough sculler, last of the four finishers, Russell having fully vindicated a comment overheard from a former winner, adorned in his red livery, that "whoev

GOLF: SENIORS' TOUR PUTS SPRING IN STEP OF PROFESSIONAL NEWCOMER

Open ready for Wild celebration

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

BRIAN BARNES, the defending champion, will be trying to limp to a third consecutive title when the Senior British Open Championship starts at Royal Portrush today. John Bland, the runner-up in the US Senior Open last month, is the bookmakers' favourite to win the event with odds of 5-2. Steve Wild is just happy to be playing at all on the rugged Antrim coast

It might be an exaggeration to call Wild the new sensation of the PGA European Seniors Tour, but the Staffordshire man, an amateur until he turned 50 last October, has been a revelation. In Sweden last month, he finished second

cumbing to Noel Ratcliffe, a stringy Australian who won the Belgian Open and the Benson and Hedges International in a previous existence. over the final five holes.

Wild, who is eighteenth on the money-list with winnings of £12,616, combines golf with his business as an industrial painting contractor, which he runs with the help of Chris, his wife. "She makes me feel humble." Wild said, "and I couldn't think about doing this unless she was 100 per cent

behind me." Wild had no real track record as an amateur, other than as a steady county player who played for Staffordshire more than 150 times. He was usually too busy to play in the

ship he was reminded of his station -- he started a match with eight pars and found himself five down to a youngster called Sandy Lyle.

Wild, who is still a member at Trentham but represents Whittington Heath on tour, entered the professional ranks. with a flourish. He finished in a tie for third place at the qualifying school in November and said the smile has not left his face since.

Described by a friend as "stand-up comic amusing", he is easy to like, but his not success is not borne of that affability. He is fit and hits the ball a long way, which are important factors in seniors golf and should stand him in good stead this week, with the

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SHOOTING

He is not expected to win on... his Open debut — after all, the field includes luminaries such as Gary Player, Tommy Horton and Bob Charles — but Bland Is. The South African, who is seventh on the United States money-list, with earnings of more than \$800,000 (about £480,000), has yet to win an individual event this eason, but he won four times

on the American senior tour last year and is in good form. Barnes's golf has improved since he resumed smoking and went back to his old clubs. but he damaged rendons be-low his left knee a couple of weeks ago and did not know whether he would last the course. We will just have to wait and see," he said after

Lomu sets date forhis return

JONAH LOMU, the New Zealand wing, plans to make his comeback to rugby union when the All Blacks tour Great Britain and Ireland in November. Lornu is recovering from a kidney disease.

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☐ Martin Corry, 23, has joined Leicester, a move that is likely to lead to legal action from Bristol, his previous club. Bristol claim Corry, who had been the club captain, has a year outstanding on his contract at the Memorial Ground. Corry, a flanker, was capped by England in May

Boxing: Robert McCracken. the Commonwealth middleweight champion, is to return to the ring in Boston on August 23. McCracken, who will be boxing for the first time in the United States, has also switched his training base from Birmingham to California. He is still waiting to discover who he will meet.

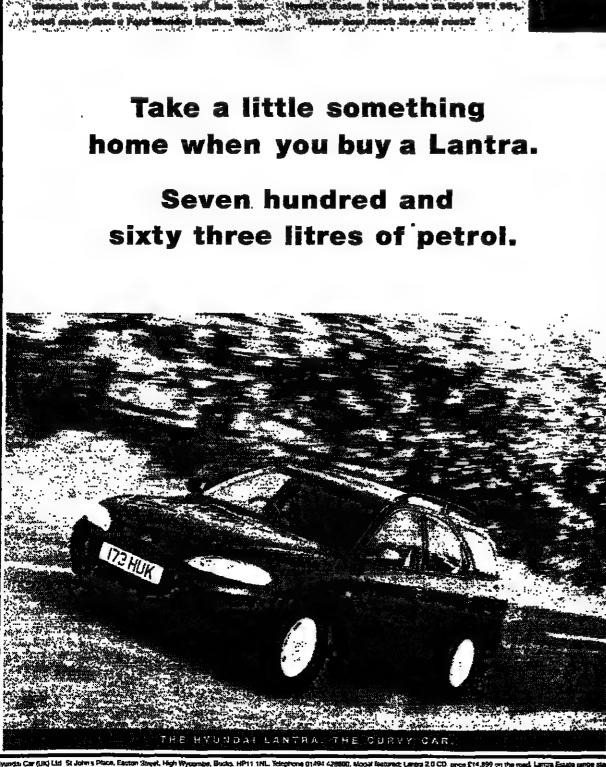
Lacrosse: The 17-2 win over Scotland by the England women's team and the 9-4 victory over the Czech Republic by the men's side means that both are through to the finals of the European championships and are on course to retain their titles for the third

Cycling: Yvonne McGregor came within 0.338sec of her British championship 3,000 metres pursuit record in the qualifying round for this year's event with a time of 3min 35.963sec. Her ride on the Manchester indoor velodrome put her more than 16 seconds clear of Michelle Ward, the second-fastest qual-

Tennis Danny Sapstord is Great Britain's lone survivor in the Northern Electric Open at Newcastle after beating Martin Lee, the former world junior No I from Worthing, 6-1, 7-5 in the first round.

Hockey: Jon Wyatt. of Reading, the England captain, was named Premier League player of the year for the second time in Milton Keynes last night. The first division prize went to





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HANKLEY COMMON: English women's amateur strokeplay championship: First round leaders: 71: L. Tupholme (North-ciffle), E. Duggleby (Mahon and Norton), 72: L. Walters (Chevin), 73: G. Nutter (Formby Ladies), 75: A. Whiteley (West Hill, J. Lamb (West Wits), 78: D. Pushworth (Woodscreenes)), K. knowles (Worplesdon), A. Murray (Lambaster), K. Eglord (Wiposhire), K. Taylor (Sandford Springs), 77: F. Brown (Heswall), C. Court (Goodwood), 78: R. Page (Hembury), WELLS: Golf Foundation Weetablus age group chempionships: Regional finate Boys: Under 16: 68: R. Perrett (Clevedon), Under 15: 78: C. Saston (Fevil), Under 14: 79: M. Walters (Barton, on See) and J. Waltson (Drayron Park); Walter 17: 78: M. Fossett (Broome Manor), Under 15: 89: L. Elvins (Wolla)

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WARSAW: Women's fournament: First round: M Basel (Gar) bt. S & Ville (Bel) 3-4, 6-3, 5-2 ret; D Chiactona (C2) bt. Kander (Gar), 7-8, 7-8; J Kruger (SA) bt. K. Habszulow (Stovalda) bt. S Kalanda (C2) 5-4, 6-4.

Nagova (Stovalda) bt. S Kalanda (C2) 5-4, 6-4.

P Schrinder (Swiz) bt. 1 Gerochniegu (Art) 6-3, 6-2; K. Studenikova (Stovalda) bt. M Graybowska (Po) 6-3, 6-2; S Cecchini (BL) L. P. Langova (B) 6-3, 6-2; S Cecchini (B) bt. P Langova (B) 6-3, 6-2; S Cecchini (B) bt. P Langova (B) 6-5, 6-3, 6-2; M Sánchez-

POOLS DIVIDENDS



BRIGHTON

A CANDON TORRESPOND

Derby fixture suffers from fresh case of congestion

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE conflicting demands of racing's various customers are perfectly reflected in the 1998 day — which includes six meetings in addition to Epsom being staged on Derby day.

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Although there has been considerable criticism sug-gesting the large number of meetings detracts from the most important Flat race of the year, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) concluded there was no evidence to support that view - and it decided additional fixtures benefit other courses, the betting industry and racing's finances

Apart from Derby day at Epsom, the first Saturday in June will have afternoon meetings at Doncaster, Haydock and over the jumps at Worcester, while evening fix-tures are being staged at Newmarket, on the all-weather at Wolverhampton and jumping at Newton Abbot.

Paul Greeves, the BHB's racing director, yesterday ac-knowledged the differing views which extend to the BHB board itself. "There is a clear divergence of view about-Derby day and it was carefully considered by the fixtures allocation group and the board. It was not just glossed over and ignored.

The board's collective view was that the factors suggesting the number of fixtures on Derby day should be maintained outweighed those sug-gesting the exposite. Those views included confirmation of the position of the off-course betting market that they want four fixtures in the afternoon, which maximises turnover, the levy and, therefore, income

"The strong view from the racecourses involved was that they see racing at the same time as the Derby as an opportunity for them to play their part to promote the Derby through their own fixture_in areas where people geographically are unlikely to travel to Epsom which, fortunately, is bursting at the

Greeves continued: "So we carry the Derby to racing aficionados at these courses. We will be asking them to give further emphasis to that. Many of them this year al-ready centred their fixture around the Derby and showed it at the track - so it will be Derby day at the other fixtures as well."

Sir Thomas Pilkington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, is understood to be one of those who believes passionately Derby day is special and should not be cluttered up with so many other fixtures. The board took the view that the fixtures on Derby day, in the way the fixture list is constructed, do not damage the Derby and, in fact, give an opportunity for other courses to promote it," Greeves added. "There was nothing that happened on Derby day this year to suggest it damaged it; quite the opposite."

John Gosden, who sent out Benny The Dip to win this year's Epsom classic, said he could understand the geographical reasons for Doncaster and Haydock, and had no disagreement with the evening meeting at Newmarket. "but I can't see the point in Wolverhampton or Worcester. I think four meetings in addition to Epsom is quite sufficient. You do cheapen it by having so many others."

Sue Ellen, managing director of United Racecourses, which includes Epsom, understands why other courses want to hold meetings, athough they do not benefit the Derby. The main concern is that the extra meetings take up a lot of newspaper space. All the cards have got to be printed and that is space we are not getting for the Derby."

she said -Apart from the Derby controversy, the 1998 fixture list confirmed that Ascot has been granted a meeting on the same as the Line Trial meeting, while Carlisle is known to be unhappy with Newcastle's, Northumberland Plate meeting being extended



Some of the faces who helped swell attendances to record levels at last season's Cheltenham Festival

Cheltenham to limit crowds

BY RICHARD EVANS

A CROWD limit of 50,000 is to be introduced on each day of the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham next March. The action follows complaints by spectators about conditions at this

year's meeting.
More than 58,000 people were crammed into Prestbury Park on Cheltenham Gold Cup day, which made conditions uncomfortable for large numbers of customers. Some vowed never to return to the home of National Hunt racing unless crowd controls were introduced. -

The welcome decision to restrict numbers follows comments received by the racecourse and market research. Uneilenham, which celebrates its ce nary next year, took account of the 24 per cent growth in festival attendances since 1993 and "the desire expressed by many visitors to enjoy the racing in a greater degree of comfort".

Next year will be the first time Cheltenham has limited attendances in all enclosures, and yesterday the executive was at pains to stress that it will be "essential" to book in advance for Gold Cup day in the Club, Tattersalts and

The new controls are likely to have limited effect on the first two days of the meeting, as 41,629 and 42,984 respectively attended on the Tuesday and Wednesday this year — compared to 58,500 on the Thursday.

Edward Gillespie, managing director of Cheltenham, said yesterday: "We have listened to the comments of our racegoers and shall keep the crowd levels under review. Unlike other major meetings which limit Club and Tatteris, our Courage enclosure is one of the most popular areas on the course, and it is equally important to limit attendance

"We shall be promoting the availability of badges and tickets from early

August to ensure that everyone planning to attend is made aware of these arrangements.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), was among those who praised Chelten-

He said: "Cheltenham's decision is an excellent example of a racecourse listening and responding to its customers. The National Hunt Festival was clearly in danger of becoming a victim of its own success, but this responsible action by the executive will ensure that a high priority rightly continues to be accorded to the comfort of the racesper."

Tony Roestenburg, chief executive of Letheby & Christopher, which provides much of the catering at the festival, customers to buy food and drink and to enjoy it in comfort. Restriction of crowd numbers will address this problem to the

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Crown Of Thorns. 3.55 ELOQUENT (nap). 4.25 Melodica.

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Placepot: \$123.70. Quadpot: £78.00. Catterick Bridge

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2.46 (1m 5yd) 1, BLUE IMPERIAL (M
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Sanders, 3-11; 2, Sooty Term (R Fiserce,
5-1) ALSO RAM 11-2 Night Wink (5th), 10
Peddy's Rice (4th), 11 Final Slab, 14
Norman Corquest (8th), 7 ran 3, £1, £4,
33, 11, J Hill, at Lambourn, Tote £3.80;
£1 80, £1.90, DF £3.30 C CSF: £8.43

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4.45 (Si 161yd) 1. HARD TO PIGURE (PP Murphy. 10-1); 2. Sharp Pearl (S Whitecath, 10-1); 3. Ansellman (P Rob-

RACELINE

Nap: CORNICHE QUEST (4.40 Brighton)

Next best: Cloudberry (Z.15 Sandown Park)

3 00 (7) 1. SEMI CIFICLE II. Charnoch, 50-11, 2. Pibble Assembly IJ Canolt, 100-30, 3. Burt Nadia (T. Witarus, 7-2-1 ALSO PAN, 11-8 fav Miss Main Steet (4th), 8 Jet Sel Serah (8th), 10 Jet Sel Seve, 100 Newgole Noblecce 12 ran, 17-1, sh hd, 29, 1 St. no. T Easterby at Malien, 10te 582-20, 512-20, 51 SO, 51-40. DF - 510-50, 1 Ten £188-70 CSF - 5211-73 No lab.

3-10 (7t), 1 TanceRED Times (T Williams, 3-1), 2, Delv IJ Sector, 5-2 ford, 3, Erro Codigo IJ Fartune, 7-2; ALSO RAN, 4 Durham Riyer (4th), 9-2 Oh Never Again (8th), 10 Three Tenners, 14 Eastwell Ministral, 20 Petera (5th), 8 ran 21, 294-11, 19, 11. D Berker at Richmond Taler 53 10, 52 70, 51 10, 61 50 DF - 517-10. CSF - 530-35 Tulcash CESSO.

4.00 (7t), 1, NAPOLEONIS RETURN (6 Vingin, 12-1), 2, Miss Pigelle (Florza Brown, 14-11; 3, Roseeda Lodge (5 Clarke, 7-1) ALSO RAN 100-30 tav Greatest (6th), 6 Lancashne Legend, 9 Jetcy Ting, 10

Chinour, Dispot Diamond (4th), Everuet Raed (5th), Welcome Ltu, 25 Ramsey Hope, 50 Samt Amogo, 100 Stolen Music Thornton Jewel 15 ran, NR: Formidable Lt. '\$1 11, '\$1, '\$1, \$1 ch lid J Eyre at Thirsk Tote £11 80° £2 70, £3 00, £2 70° £5 £34 40° Tino, £420 30° CSF £160 49° Tinoas! £1,199 63

91 90, 61 70, 63.30 DF 66.50 CSF 59.05
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11-4), 3, Annabitta (G Bardwell, 16-1)
ALSO RAN 2-1 g-law Zinzan (qilb), 20
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Jackpool and work (cool) of 652-215-44

Jackpot: not won (pool of £52,215,44 carned forward to Sandown Park today). Placapot: £27,40. Duadpot: £11,40

Zaralaska has Ebor option

ZARALASKA, trained by Luca Cumani, has top weight of 9st 12lb in the Tote Ebor Handicap at York next month. However, the winner of the Bessborough Handicap at Royal Ascot and Haydock's Old Newton Cup will first tackle the William Hill Cup over 15 miles at Goodwood

ELOQUENT beat Panama House 44 in 9-turner maden at Carfole (61, firm) MEXT ROUND beat 544 5th of 12 to Advant in group 8 Cherry Hinton States by 141 in 12-names maden at Foliassione (7). **Round of 12 to Advanta in Grand of Section 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in of 13 to Embassy in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy in maden at Nermaniet (61, in of 13 to Embassy i WOODLAND MELCOY beat Lakely Story 44 in 18-cood to lemb sumer nonice race at Haydock (BL, good) with Lacoston ELOCASIO

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	506	(3)	406120C	HEART OF ARMOR 29 (S) (J Gutlan) P Cole 9-2	Pat Eddery	٩
1	567	(6)	5-41	HOSH INTROGUE 29 (S) Mars & Hamb) H Cetal 9-11	K Fallon	1
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ı	509	(2)	433315	SUN ALERT 15 (D.F) (I. Lee) M Polylase 8-9	. M Rimmer	5
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4.55 SURREY RACING HANDICAR (3-Y-0: £3,485: 51 6yd) (11 runners)	•

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M Pressell	4	19	21.1	L Deltan	46	219	21.0
C-Well	5	25	20.0	J Weaver	11	61	18.0
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☐ Greenlander (trained by Cliver Brittain). Atlantic Viking (Mark Johnston). Dernier Croise (Brian Meehan) and Aurigny (Simon Dow) form the British challenge for the group two Prix CRICKET: BEVAN'S FAILURES FORCE AUSTRALIA TO BRING BACK YOUNG TASMANIAN

Chance for **Ponting** to relaunch his career

BY REPLACING Michael Bevan with Ricky Ponting in their team today. Australia are making a serious departure from their recent practice in England. It will be the first time they have disturbed their formidable batting line-up during a series here since they surrendered the Ashes in 1985. Stability being important in

the success of any winning team, they could have been forgiven for having left things well alone after their victory at Old Trafford, Bevan's poor form left them with virtually no choice, but Ponting's elevation remains a gamble. He has not played at Headingley before, unlike Bevan, who showed the value of his two seasons with Yorkshire by finishing as top scorer in Australia's innings in the oneday international there in May. In addition, having been left on the fringes since the tour began. Ponting has probably played more golf — he has the lowest handicap of any member of the tour party -than cricket. Indeed, he has played just five first-class innings - three of them in the past week, once it was realised

that he was going to be required at Headingley. Admittedly, one of these yielded an unbeaten century at Cardiff, but, much to Mark Taylor's chagrin, Glamorgan were fielding only a second-string attack. "He will certainly be fresh." the Australia

captain conceded yesterday. Against this. Ponting, 22, is a gifted batsman, the youngest and perhaps potentially the best of Australia's new generation, and it could be argued that, if he takes his chance, he will stay in the side for years to come. In around 100 first-class innings, has scored 17 centuries, a one-in-six ratio that few players of his age have

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prise is that he was not in the team already, but therein lies the tale, for Ponting has been handed the "boy wonder" tag that every talented young Australian batsman should dread, For years, such precocious youths were hailed, wholly unreasonably, as "the next Bradman" and few survived the ordeal. Now, the icons are less forbidding, but the bur-den remains irksome. At least Ponting found himself compared to David Boon. his mentor and a man in

whose footsteps he has long tred. Like Boon, Ponting was born and bred in Launceston: like Boon, he began in the town's six-team cricket league. Being the first Tasmanian to cricketer, Boon has smoothed the path that Ponting follows. Before him, not many Austra-lians regarded Tasmanians as "fair dinkum".

Ponting, though, is blessed with greater natural talent and, being slim and 5ft 10in, a good "fighting weight". He was just 12 when he first made headlines across Australia, scoring a string of centuries in matches among age-group cricketers considerably older than himself. He went to the academy in Adelaide, where he was duly praised by Rodney Marsh as the brightest young talent he had seen. At first, Ponting handled the

praise well. He was no sooner in the Tasmania side — as a teenager - than he was scoring centuries. He made his Test debut against Sri Lanka in Perth in December 1995 and, surviving a first-ball scare, scored 96 before falling victim to an abysmal legbefore decision. In his second match, at Melbourne, he made 71. He went on to play in the World Cup and took a sparkling century off West Indies.



Ponting is glad of a breather after a hectic net session at Headingley yesterday

senior colleagues to take over the pivotal No 3 position left vacant by Boon's retirement. Within three matches, he was dropped. On the face of it, the decision was harsh, as he played a vital innings of 88 in the defeat of West Indies at Brisbane, but he did little else. In any case, the decision replacement. Indeed, the sur- picked ahead of several more cricketing grounds. Ponting, it his credit, after overcoming

was rumoured, was living the

The selectors told him to go back and score more runs for Tasmania. "I tried to make it all happen again really quickhe said, "but it did not work that way in the first couple of games. Looking back, that was exactly the

his impatience, the runs duly came, earning him a tour place to England.

Thus selection today represents something of a second chance and, in Australian cricket, second chances are about all one gets - but it is a gamble that "Punter", who loves horses almost as much will be backing himself to win. | ly figured in the now-defunct into the afternoon.

Warwickshire profit after seeing the light

EVEN Dennis Amiss, the Warwickshire chief executive, felt for Surrey. It was as if the sodden, bedraggled scene at the Oval last month, when not a ball was bowled and not so much as a luminous stump or much-vaunted skydiver was in evidence, had been an optical illusion. Edgbaston last night was so balmy, so iridescent under floodlights, that it was evident this was a day/night Sunday league match that would not end in

By the time the first ball had been bowled, Amiss knew that Warwickshire's gamble — for this kind of cricket in England is never likely to be anything but that - had come off. He had hoped for a crowd of 10,000 and evidently there would be many more than that by the time the traffic, which gridlocked the ap-proach roads to Edgbaston, had cleared and the latecomers, complete with briefcases and barbecues, had settled

into the more expensive seats: "A very warm welcome to veryone." Amiss said, relishing the double entendre of his remarks. He would not have tried that if he had thought the rain would be stair-rodding down, "Understandably," he went on, "there are many sceptics who feel day/night

cricket in the UK will not work but we believe it would be wrong not to try. We should make £70,000, which is more than from all our championship matches." So the first Axa Life League

match under floodlights swung into life at a bizarre

time, 6.10pm, dictated by the unrelenting schedules of tele-vision. Quite how everybody would get home shortly before midnight was another matter. The high words that Amiss. somewhat pessimistically had feared would upset his four floodlights, installed at a cost of £40,000, did not reach Edgbaston. Warwickshire wanted to paint the stumps a luminous pink, but the England and Wales Cricket Board swiftly rejected that. Warwickshire market them-

selves in this form of the game. as The Bears. They produced a new mascot for this match -Hugh Bear. Not content with that, they invited more mascots - and more bears - from football and basketball teams in Birmingham. There was a bouncy castle (well beyond the boundary) of the kind that abhorred. But then, as the spectators during the first Test match this summer proved, some theatricality does not go amiss at Edgbaston.

. The Bears were playing Somerset, who do not, as yet, style themselves as The Cidermen. They were also contesting the leadership of the Sunday league table — and it showed as Smith and Singh took them past 100 in the first 20 overs without being parted. Most important of all, though, they knew that this would be a litmus test of whether day/night cricket in a temperate climate could work at Test level. Amiss. and delegates from other counties, will have reckoned after this that indeed

Warwickshire, it should be noted, have long been an innovative county. In the 1960s they had a scheme to raise money for the redevelopment of the ground through selling a form of lottery ticket. They loaned money to more impoverished counties - not least Essex, who are more sniffy than most about this

type of cricket.
They introduced the Brumbrella, a novel form of covering the whole ground. Amiss was the first batsman to wear a crash helmet - as distinct from Mike Brearley's skullcap — in county cricket in 1978. It was no surprise to see that their latest idea would prove extremely

Rollins sets rollicking pace

CHESTERFIELD (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Derbyshire have scored 379 or four wickets against

TEAMS at the top may be supposed to roll over those at the bottom but the favoured script was impertinently rewritten at at Queen's Park yesterday where Adrian Rollins became only the ninth-Derbyshire player to score a century before lunch. Glamorgan, despite their lofty pos-ition, were swiftly careworn following their bizarre deci-sion to field.

Rollins, with 29 fours in a 180-ball innings of 148, shared the county's fourth-highest opening partnership of 247

Dean Jones regime. May. Chesterfield-born and 26 last Tuesday, scored a maider championship hundred from 184 balls, added to a century against Pakistari A earlier this month. It was his fourth score above: 50 in 11 first-class innings.

Glamorgan, without Robert-Croft, looked out of sorts. Waqar Yourus and Steve Watkin, both recently injured, bowled too short and too wide. May, an enthusiastic and expert cutter, harvested runs in the cover point and thirdman areas with a regularity that became almost monotonous. Rollins drove productively, hit 12 fours in a 34-ball half-century, reached a hundred six minutes before hunch

Dean Cosker, Giamorgan's young slow left-armer, maintained a tantalising length and line that shamed the more senior bowlers. He deserved the wicket of Rollins, beaten in flight and caught at short extra cover, which brought in Chris Adams as May's

Adams unselfishly maintained the rapid scoring tempo, allowing May to soldier on without feeling under pressure Wanar eventually bow-led Adams through the gate but curiously fired in few

yorkers during his four spells. The irony will not be lost on Derbyshire that they were also put in by Hampshire at Queen's Park last month, scored 523 and lost by seven

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BY RUPERT COX

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Dowman amassed 267 against

West Indies in an under-19

match, creating a weight of expectation that he has yet to

fulfil at first-class level. How-

ever, at Grace Road yesterday, in making his second century

of the season, after scoring 96 against Warwickshire in his last championship innings. Dowman exhibited the sort of

consistency that Nottingham-

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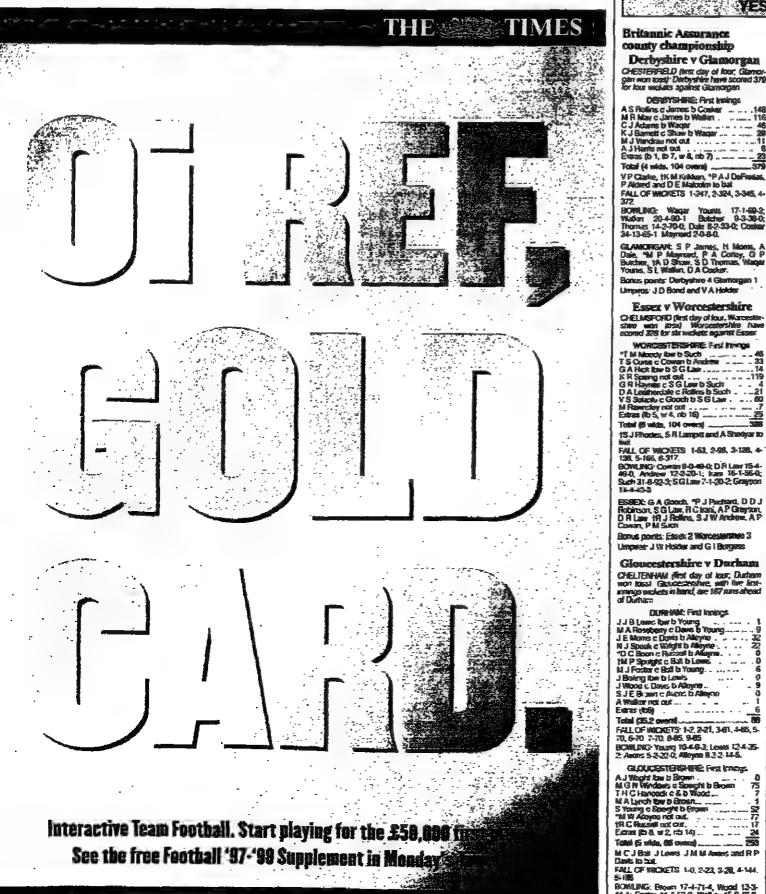
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sunshine, though, and there-after the bowling lacked the sort of penetration once proby Phil Simmons. whose return as overseas player next year was comfirmed yesterday. Dowman, a 23-year-old lefthander, survived a nervous start to play with increasing panache off either foot. His 125 spanned 312 balls and contained 23 fours. Robinson, the next-highest scorer on 32, seemed to be playing with a fluency that ninted at a return to form, only for Nixon to hold a fine diving catch off Wells, one of four catches to the wicketkeeper.

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McCague seizes initiative with decisive flourish

LORD'S (first day of four: Kent won toss): Middlesex, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 105 runs behind

AFTER an interesting day's play, ultimately dominated by Martin McCague, Kent claimed a clear advantage in the final session. Middlesex were blown along by a helpful breeze in the morning but after tea, when McCague bowled with searing pace and finished the day with six for 49 off 15 overs. Kent sensed a wicket with every ball. He, alone, has managed to shape

Batting is not an impossible task. The pitch is short of real pace, although it is sufficiently lively to help the new ball to go

through at a decent height, as McCague displayed when he nearly took Shah's nose off. Kent should have done a lot better than make 208 and Middlesex did not distinguish themselves in the last session. when they lost nine wickets. Only Gatting looked at all comfortable, but, like five of his team-mates, his defiance was undone by McCague for 41 when Middlesex had barely reached a hundred.

After slightly less than an hour's play. Kent were 24 for four when Walker, who was Wells had earned his runs, after labouring through 54 overs to hold Kent together. superbly caught by Brown as Their early order batting lacks he dived low to his left, obliged discipline. How else does one Fraser with a third wicket in ten account for Fulton's dismissal, balls. Take away the 63 that caught hooking on the long leg Wells made and the forties of boundary in the ninth over Fleming and Marsh, and there when two men are already back in the pavilion? What a daft way to go.

There is no point berating

Fleming for indiscipline, If he

had gone to Mariborough,

whose first XI were in the

news this week for a scholar-

ship display of blocking, he would surely have been sent

down for playing too many

strokes. In no time at all, he was pulling Hewitt over the

rope at square leg and, when

he was not trying to take on

the bowlers, he was defending

extravagantly as if to prove

that he could control his

According to Fleming, Kent

are "heavyweights" in one-day

cricket, which seems a strange

way to describe a team that

won its last knockout trophy

20 years ago. An hour's bat-

ting was long enough for him.

Swishing to leg, he was caught in the deep. It was left to Wells

and Marsh to carry the team

Igglesden, playing only his second championship match

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Flintoff signs off with his maiden century

BY PAT GIBSON

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four: Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 423 for five wickets against

ANDREW FLINTOFF scored his maiden first-class century in his last match for Lancashire before leaving to. captain the England Under-19 team and, in the process, questioned the argument that young men such as him would be better off continuing to learn their trade in championship cricket.

Even Zimbabwe Under-19 should be able to present a sterner test than Hampshire did yesterday. They knew what they were in for when they lost the toss on a flat pitch and lightning outfield and the only surprise was that Lancashire did not take full advantage until Flintoff and his captain, Watkinson, who also made a hundred, helped themselves in a fifth-wicket partnership of 214 in 43 overs.

Gallian, who was leg-before for ten in Bovill's opening spell, and Fairbrother, who ran himself out for five, must have cursed themselves. Graham Lloyd and Nathan Wood may have a bit of explaining to do as well, if their fathers bear about how they threw away centuries that were

there for the taking. Lloyd, who always gives the bowlers a chance, was dropped on 33 but seemed to be heading inexorably for a hundred when he drove Udal to long-on, having struck 16 fours in his 90. Two overs later. Wood drove Udal to mid-off and was out for a career-best S2

of the summer, took his first It was to be the last success that Udal enjoyed. Watkinson hit him for four sizes, two of which cleared the pavilion. while Flintoff, growing in confidence after being real hostility, fell Ramprakash dropped on 12, had plundered and Pooley, Fraser, Brown 22 fours and a six when he and Johnson, all caught by Strang, and, finally, Gatting, was caught and bowled by Stephenson for 117.



Gooch, right, offers the benefit of his experience to Law at Chelmsford yesterday

Spotlight fades on Gooch

By JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD (first day of four: Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 328 for six wickers against

IT WAS Graham Gooch's day

 MPs tabling motions of congratulations, the town crier putting in an appearance at the Chelmsford ground and the man himself receiving a standing ovation as he led Essex out amid a posse of photographers. It was, of course, his 44th birthday and his last appearance for Essex, but there everyone paused, for Worcestershire chose to bat and they batted all day, having been dug out of a hole by a century from Reubens

Spiring.
Nor did Gooch get a bowl. although his career-best of seven for 14 was against Worcestershire - but that was in 1982 and time has marched on. Gooch did come half into the limelight reasonably early on, although in an unwanted

way. When Spiring had made 70, he skied over the head of Grayson, the bowler, equidistant between Gooch and Cowan at deep mid-on and deep mid-off respectively. Instead of one or both going for the catch, the fielders compro-

ball and Spiring went on. He played sensibly, with his pronounced backlift and peculiarly restricted followthrough. His century came in a little more than three hours, he hit 14 fours and, together with Vikram Solanki - himself missed from a caught-andbowled chance by Such with only a single to his name — he added 151 for the sixth wicket, after Worcestershire had been reduced to 166 for five.

mised. Neither got near the

All this Gooth business affected Tim Curtis in a peculiar way. Opening with Moody, he forsook his customary static role, moving swiftly and easily to 33 of the 53 put on for the first wicket. He fell to Andrew, putting in a rare firstteam appearance but now producing a ball that lifted sharoly.

As Moody struggled on, Such dominated, varying his flight and straightening the odd ball. Hick looked good before he played no stroke at Stuart Law.

Then Such moved swiftly through the order. Moody was leg-before on the sweep. Haynes snapped up at silly mid-off. Leatherdale promised much until he also fell to Such as he cut unwisely. It was then roughly halfway through the day's play. Prospects of Gooch batting loomed large, but the game of cricket never was a great respecter of expectation.

Until, that is, Solanki failed to get on top of a ball from Law, the ball lobbed up and Gooch moved forward to take a low catch at short mid-on. Gooch was in the game at last, but not as much as young Spiring, the Worcestershire saviour and undefeated to the

Alleyne's Kumble to all-round be given chance of skills too making much for return trip Durham

By DEREK HODGSON

CHELTENHAM (first day of four: Durham won toss): Gloucestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand are 167 runs ahead of

the start, prompting the question: what damage would Mike Smith have done had he not been required by Eng-land? All that can be said is that his colleagues did not need him on a sleamy, swinging morning as Mark Alleyne, his captain took a career-best five for 14 in a Durham rout, 86 being their lowest first-innings total.

CLEEVE HILL was misty at

Gloucestershire then lost three wickets for 24 on a fine, clear afternoon, but there was little wrong with the pitch. Batsmen were surprised by late movement and, in Durham's case, it takes little to bring the whole house turn-

bling down.
It will be a shame if this is another match that finishes early, because this festival is one of the great remaining institutions and needs to be protected, sometimes from itself. The club marquees still stand handsomely around the boundary, but the standard of refreshment on offer to the general public has become either gruesome or expensive

– or both. Only John Morris, who once made 229 for Derbyshire on this ground, and Nick Speak offered prolonged resistance, Morris's departure, to a sharp. high nick when driving Alleyne, signalling a virtual surrender, with the remaining seven wickets going down in 12 overs for 24 runs.

Gloucestershire's close fielding was, as usual, high class, with two fast, low dives by Martyn Ball and Jack Russell worth recording on film. Their innings began almost as hesitantly as Durham's, but Matthew Windows provided the necessary application. Shaun Young laid about him and Durham's score was passed within 90 minutes. Windows's 75 came off 127 balls and contained it fours. Alleyne's timing then matched a serene evening.

By RICHARD HOBSON

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four: Surrey won tossi: Surrey have scored 380 for four wickets against Northamptonshire

THE Wantage Road ground was awash with speculation yesterday as Steve Coverdale. the Northamptonshire chief executive, confirmed that negotiations have reached an "advanced stage" with an overseas player, believed to be Anil Kumble, for next season. While Coverdale confirmed

that the county has twice sounded out Shane Warne during the Australians' tour. he denied that an offer had been made. The fact that Warne has been linked with the captaincy also prompted what amounted to a vote of confidence in Rob Bailey, the present captain.

"Speculation is deeply upsetting to Rob, his family and those close to the club." Coverdale said. However, the issue will be reviewed at the end of the season.

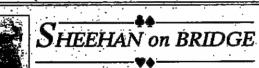
It is impossible not to sympathise with Bailey. On this showing, he does not have much of an bowling attack to manipulate. He is acknowledged as one of the most pleasant men in the game and, after the victory over Essex on Saturday, said that he felt like performing a lap of honour in

Any running around the boundary in this fixture is likely to be in pursuit of the hall. How he could have done with Kumble, the India leg spinner, who took 105 wickets for the club in 1995, rather than the wayward Mohammad Akram.

Darren Bicknell scored 162 on a straw-coloured pitch offering even bounce and a little turn for Snape, the off spinner. He hit 24 fours in 348 minutes before a tired pull found Taylor at mid-wicket. Neither he nor Adam Hollioake toiled for runs during a third-wicket stand of 175.

A fine throw from Penberthy accounted for Hollioake Sr, but even this presented a problem for Northamptonshire, as it introduced Alistair Brown to a tired attack.

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Love all

In the auction South showed a good hand with at least five spades and four diamonds. As. West I led a heart and declarer won with the ace. He cashed the ace and queen of spades (I discarded a club), then the king of hearts, and played a third spade to dumniy on which I discarded a diamond.

I switched to the jack of clubs, which went to the king and ace and Brian Senior (East) returned a diamond. Declarer

DIKAMALI

b. A twin-set

c. Gum

a. A South African cance

CHORASMIAN WASTE

b. A plateau in Uzbeck

c. A chorus girl's figure

a. Scrap precious metal

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Chess for children

finessed, I won the jack and

played the jack of hearts. Declarer ruffed, drew the last

trump and claimed the last

Bit early in the morning for

you? Senior asked (the match

had started at 11am), cont-

menting sympathetically on my failure to give him a diamond ruff. He might well

have addressed the question first to himself and secondly to

the declarer before attacking

me. If East had played the

queen of clubs after winning

the ace the declarer would

have to ruff, and now after he

had drawn the last trump I

would have been able to cash

the jack of hearts when I won

the jack of diamonds. As it

was, all declarer had to do on

East's diamond return in the

diagrammed position was win

with the ace, draw trumps and

Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

FILACER

a. A court officer

c. An oak tree

DRAGEE

b. A young racehorse

concede a diamond to me.

two tricks in diamonds.

Sixteen junior champions emerged at the Nottingham

"Gigafinal" of the UK Chess children's challenge on Sunday July 13, from a field of 410 players. These contestants each headed their section winning a cup and £70 and now go forward to the final stage of this marathon eight-month event. This will be held at the Royal Festival Hall, London

on Saturday August 23. Competition in "gigafinal" was so intense that only three of last year's winners were able to win a title for the second year running -they were Sarah Hegarty. Teresa Khoo and Lucy Broomfield. The tournament was sponsored by Kasparov Chess Computers who will be sending each of the finalists a chess

computer. Six-year-old wins In the preceding simultaneous display, woman grandmaster Susan Lalic, top board for the England women's team, amazingly lost a game to

David Howell, 6. White: David Howell Black: Susan Lalic Rotary Chess Simultaneous 1997

French Defence

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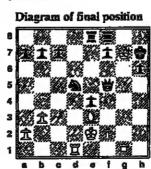
22 b3

24 Qxg7

Checivnate

Oh3+ Be5

Q15



Mind Sports Olympiad As well as hosting the final of the UK Chess Challenge, the Royal Festival Hall will also accommodate the first Mind Sports Olympiad which will take place at London's from August 18 to 24. This will consist of over 30 thinking sports, and entry details can be obtained on 0171-485 9146 or access website:

http://www.mindsports.co.uk/

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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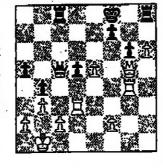
WORDWATCHING By Raymond Keene

> White to play. This position is from the game Eppinger — Blass, Lugano 1985, in chess, the relative activity of the pieces is an important criterion for judging a position. Here all of White's pieces are active, while White's pieces are active, while Black's king's rook is not participat-ing in the game at all. Therefore it is not surprising that White can lorce a

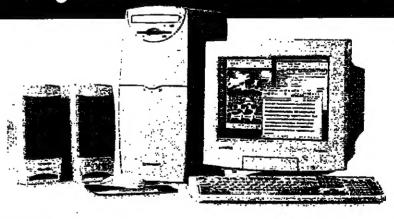
a. A deep sea trawl b. A fancy dress dancer c A medicinal sweet Answers on page 46

quick win. Can you see how? Solution on page 46

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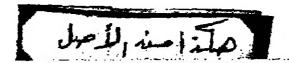
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Devon rise to role of court jesters



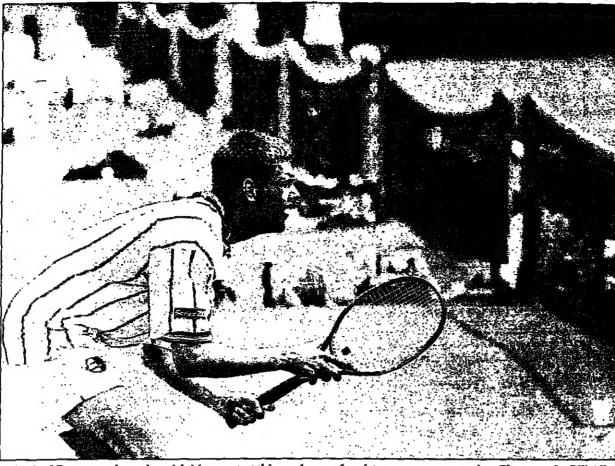
At County Tennis Week

ther counties will tes tify that the prospect of creases with the progress of the Inter-County Cup. Play them on Monday and you will catch them at their best: play them on Friday and the collective strains of the week may have taken their toll. Devon are the hommes terribles of county week, the boys who play hard both on and off the

As much was evident at Eastbourne yesterday when. on another sweltering afternoon, the sextet arrived for the match with Hampshire and Isle Of Wight clad as Father Christmas. They sang: "Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to see Hampshire lose today."

"That was the only time I've ever been embarrassed to represent Devon," Peter Russell, the "Greg Rusedski" of the team, who joined Devon after gaining his first taste of this competition in Gloucestershire colours, said. Such antics have come to be expected among county week regulars. Some raise a knowing smile. while others are less generous. The boys themselves remain

We don't want to offend anyone." Gary Drake, a former national junior champiwhose penchant for



Wood, of Devon, a winner in a drinking contest this week, goes for victory on court yesterday. Photograph: Gill Allen

dalliances has already seen him grace the tabloid front pages, said. "We are just enjoying the week, doing nothing more than having a few beers. It is strictly a boys' deal." Any late-night distur-bances at the Grand Hotel, where all the players are staying, are attributed to them -a touch unjustly, as it turned out on Tuesday night. The end-of-week disco was

promptly cancelled. This Devon team mirrors the spirit of West Country supporters who journey to Twickenham for the rugby union county championship final. They cock a snook along the way and have long ceased to be concerned at their reputation. "Everyone expects us to look like a bunch of idiots, so

we don't mind," Daniel Ahl, 27, said. It was he who decreed that the team descended for dinner last night dressed as Nigel, a loud and tasteless character from the television

soap, EastEnders. This jovial approach does not extend to the courts, where Devon completed a remark-

able rise from group seven. in as many years, to emerge as county champions in 1994. They successfully defended the title the following year, the inter-County Cup centenary, and were dismayed that no Devonian tennis dignitary was present to witness either

victory. Now they play only for ships in the United States themselves - a tribute to the Then there is Peter Wright, spirit characteristic of their identified by his peers as the rise from obscurity.

Ahl epitomises the players commitment to each other. This is his tenth consecutive county week; by tomorrow, he will have played for 50 unbroken days. He was an usher at the weddings of both Drake and Gary Stewart; the latter chose Drake as his best man. Ahl is threatening to emigrate to Australia, so Jamie Bartlett, a Cambridge Blue and an economics undergraduate, must raise the money to repatriate

Mingling easily with the residents are Tom Hand and Steve Wood, their occasional American twangs a legacy of their university tennis scholar-

him next year.

best dancer among them. Once again, Devon's men

are acquitting themselves well on court. Victories on Monday and Tuesday were followed yesterday by a creditable per-formance in defeat against Hampshire and Isle of Wight, a match they never expected to win. Come tomorrow, with their status in group one already assured, they may decree the highlight of the week to be the victory for Wood, their rookie, in a beerdrinking contest against Stuart Rhodes, from Surrey. It showed that the youngsters of Devon are well placed to further their county's tradition

CYCLING: TEAM MAN EMERGES FROM PACK TO TAKE SPOTLIGHT WITH STAGE WIN IN TOUR DE FRANCE

Loyal support earns Stephens his big break

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN COLMAR

NEIL STEPHENS, the Australian who now lives in Spain with his Basque wife, rode to the biggest win of his 13-year professional career in the Alsace town of Colmar yesterday after slipping clear of a small group of riders in the closing kilometres of the seven-

teenth stage of the Tour de France. Stephens, one of the most respected and loyal team riders, or domestiques, in the professional bunch, has twice come close to Tour glory in the past. chances.

"This is the best win of my life," he said as he was congratulated by his Festina team-mates. "Lots of times in the past, I haven't been able to ride for myself. This is the first time that I've been in such a strong team and been allowed the freedom to try for a stage

In pouring rain, the depleted field rolled out of Fribourg and headed north towards the border towns of the

most notably last year when he was set Rhine Valley. In spite of having talked 30 kilometres of his home in the Black to win in Villeneuve-sur-Lot before a openly of quitting the race the previous Forest, was the centre of attention as Bjarne Riis, 33, from Denmark, was one of the 143 riders huddling inside rain capes as they started the ride of 218 kilometres to Colmar.

For the first time, Riis, who has been troubled by a stomach bug, publicly criticised his Telekom team, which again grouped around Jan Ullrich, 23. their race leader, and failed to delegate a single rider to look after the Dane as he struggled to keep up.
Ullrich, with the race passing within

road. "I didn't know that there were that many people in Germany," he said after finishing safely with the main field.

Stephens's initial attack came after 62 kilometres, when he tried his hand with a solo break, but the move gathered pace when he was joined by 12 other riders 20 kilometres later on the climb on the Côte de Develier.

DIKAMALI

(c) The native name of a resinous gum that exudes from the ends of young shoots of Gardenia Lucida, a rubiaceous shrub of

WORD-WATCHING:

CHORASMIAN WASTE (b) Matthew Arnold. Sohrab and Rustum: "but the majestic River floated on. Out of the mist and hum of that low land. I nto the frosty starlight, and there movd./ Rejoicing, through the hush'd Chorasmian waste./ Under the solitary moon: he flow'd/ Right for the Polar Star. past Organjé./ Brimming, and bright, and

large." FILACER FILALER
(a) A former officer of the superior court at Westminster, who
filed original writs and issued processes thereon. Also a
corresponding officer of the Irish courts. J. Chamberlayne, 1708:

"A list of the Philazers of the court of common pleas with the counties belonging to each respective Philazer."

DRAGEE

(c) A sugar plum or sweetmeat in the centre of which is a drugintended for the more pleasant administration of medicinal
substances. In modern use not restricted to sweetmeats serving
as a vehicle for drugs — often a sugared almond. Charlotte
Brontë, 1853: He was fond of bonbons and would give his
dragees as freely as he lent his books." "Alice wanted to buy him
some sweets. I asked if he would like dragees."

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SAILING

MacArthur slips at the finish

BY EDWARD GORMAN

ELLEN MacARTHUR, of Great Britain, is ninth overall in a 42-strong fleet after the first stage of the Trans-Gascoigne race, but she will be cursing her luck after completing the 320 miles from Port Bourgenay, in France, to Gijón, Spain. Having recovered from a

collision shortly after the start on Sunday, MacArthur had been in fifth position until the last few hours before reaching Gijon, However, thunderstorms and squalls caused a knockdown and a broken spinnaker halyard on her yacht, Carphone Warehouse - Le Poisson, dropping her

back down the field. The first leg was won by Tomas Coville, of France. The race continues with a 25-mile sprint to Cudillero on Saturday before returning back to Port Bourgenay the next day.

ATHLETICS

Longden helps Yates run back into favour

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

appeared in an international championship, Matthew Yates was restored to the Great Britain team yesterday, delivered there by Bruce Longden, who coached Daley Thompson and Sally Gunnell to Olympic gold medals. Yates, a former European indoor 1,500 metres champion, finished 1996 ranked only No 31 in Britain and, in desperation, turned to Long-

FOUR years after he last

den. saying: "It is over for me unless Bruce can do it." Yates's selection for the world championships in Athens, which begin a week on Saturday, represents a tri-umph for a man recognising his own shortcomings. In an interview with The Times last December, Yates admitted to an undisciplined lifestyle. Earning £80,000 a year for three years. Yates earned grand" in 1996. "I was going out and drinking a lot. Now I have got nothing to show for it," Yates said then.

Yesterday, he told how Longden's training pro-gramme had helped him to run 3min 36.36sec in Hechtel. Belgium, last weekend, his fastest since 1993. "I owe it to him," Yates said, adding that, under Longden, he had acquired a "new atti-Keith Cullen and Adrian

Passey were added at 5,000 metres, leaving Ian Gillespie to wonder how he could be omitted from the squad when he defeated Passey in Hechtel last Saturday. The word from the British Athletic Federation was that Passey's victory over Gillespie in the British trial a week earlier had held sway. Paul Walker was added at 800 metres, having achieved the qualifying mark "nothing, maybe a couple of on Tuesday, the deadline day.

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An architectural trip

How Buildings Learn BBC2 7.30pm

"Building is not something you want to do when you are stoned," says a sardonic contributor to the third part of Stewart Brand's look at how good buildings adapt. He's referring to the glass geodesic dome that was the brainchild of a Californian hippie who had the idea at a Who concert. Thirty years on, it is now a great glasshouse, home to a single lemon tree. The lemon that built it was not available for comment. Brand concentrates on the do-it-yourself aspect of building, proving that those who are involved in every stage of the building's construction have a much healthier home at the end of it. Some examples of the results may make you want to pick up a harmner straight away. But be warned. As Brand says, you may start a building but you will never finish it.

Third Rock from the Sun BBC2. 9.00pm

The storyline of four aliens masquerading as humans gave up some wonderful opportunities for smart jokes and pokes at the human condition in the first series of this American comedy. The second series still has the excellent cast, headed by John Lithgow, and a crisp script but there is a slight feeling of desperation in the air. This first of a two-parter picks up where the last series ended with Dick's (Lithgow) evil druble getting up to all sorts of nefarious deeds while good Dick is locked in an invisible box. The rest of the makeshift family set him free to do battle with the doppelganger before he gets his nasty way with Dr Albright (Jane Curtin). By the way, the one with the green hair is basketball star Dennis Rodman making a cameo appearance. Quibbles apart, it is still good fun. The storyline of four aliens masquerading as

Hunting Bobby Oatway Channel 4, 9.00pm

Capital Gains

Radio 4. 10,00am (FM only)

What should be done with society's most reviled pariahs? Bobby Oarway is a convicted paedophile. He raped and brutalised his own son and stepdaughters for which he served ten of a 13-year sentence. In this Canadian documentary, the director John Kastner's starting point is Oatway's release from prison to a half-way house, for a

Julius Hutch, retired billionaire, is a man of letters.

So is every other male in Collin Johnson's resumed comedy serial. All the female characters are



The return of the aliens (BBC2, 9pm)

chance to integrate back into society. The stepdaughters, now grown up, are determined that he should not be given that chance. They have set up a well-oiled media machine to ensure that everyone knows exactly who he is and what he has done. That are appropriate he will offend again everyone knows exactly who he is and what he has done. They are convinced he will offend again. Oatway is hounded back to prison, but have the sisters won? In three years time Oatway will be free to walk around completely unsupervised. Anybody who watches Oatway will feel extreme uneasiness at that thought. A halanced and sensitive report on a emotive topic.

With its original mix of sex, drugs and barristers, this drama serial has been quietly digging its way into the viewing habits of the nation's young. And not so young. Maybe it has something to do with their complicated sex lives. Perhaps it is the way the camera suddenly starts to wobble about for no reason, zooming in on lips and eyes and zooming out again. Whatever it is, the formula seems to work: As every episode has to have a movie pun in the title, this one is called Milly Liar. Unsurprisingly it features the tangled web Milly finds heaself weaving to keep her affair with her boss O'Donnell from everyone. It is puzzling though, why someone who can afford to visit a therapist as often as Milly, should choose to live like a cash-strapped student.

Frances Lass BBC2, 9.45pm

RADIO CHOICE

Sporting Partnerships

Radio 5 Live, 7.35pm It takes a professional psychologist to make a statement such as "All sports are lost or won on a six-inch playing field." Even a non-sporting person such as myself knows that Dr David Lewis isn't women of letters. However, It's not just because Capital Gains is entirely epistolary in structure that I highly recommend it. It is because it is very furny indeed and intelligently assumes, for instance, that we know who Socrates and Plato such as myself knows that Dr David Lewis isn't talking about a miniaure world to rival Gulliver's Lilliput. What he is talking about is the space between an athlete's ears—the space containing the brain that's as necessary as the brawn. The seatured partnership—almost a father and son one—is that between the rugby union superstar Jonah Lonnu, capped by the All Blacks when he was only 19 years old and sensation of the 1995 World, Cup, and his manager and mentor, the stand-up comedian and after-dinner speaker Phil Kingsley-Jones. insurice, that we know who Socrates and Plato were and can recognise that Voltaire was the uncredited inspiration for Hutch's decision to follow Candide's lead and spend his declining years cultivating his own garden. In episode one, Hutch (marvellously played by Peter Jones) becomes a champion of the environment in face of a dastardly plot to destroy it.

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(Catio Concerto in E minor); Bruckner (Symphony No 9 in D minor) (r)
3.55 Fibonacci Sequence. Haydin (Dwertimento in C); Bottesini, arr McTier (Capriccio bravura); Michael Berkeley (For the Savage Messiah)
4.40 Poul Ruders. BBC Philharmonic, under Other Knussen. Ruders (Capriccio Ptan' e Forte) (r)
5.00 The Muello Machine. Presented by Verity Sharp, includes Martin Russ showing how a sequencer can help musicians without the need for traditional composing skills

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3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM), with Daire

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4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM). Paul Alien sees Julie Christie at Chichester, in Suzanna Andler by Marguerite Duras
4.45 Short Story: The Contraption (FM), by Phys Dans, Read by Helen Griffin
5.00 PM (FM), with Charlie Lee-Potter and Jon Sopel 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

5.15 In Tune, with Mair Nicolson. Includes Grainger (Green Bushes); Rachmaninov (Symptonic Dance, Op 45 No 1); Gershwin (Variatione on I

(Green Bushes); Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dance, Op 45 No 1); Gershwin (Variatione on I Got Rhythm)
7.30 BBC Proms 97. English Northern Phihammonia, under Paul Daniel. Stravinsty (Petrushka (1947 version) 8.05 Sex and Death in the Caly of Dreams. Graham Fawcett follows the thread of Erich Komgold's operatic imagination from Vienna to Brugas and Ventice 8.25 Concert, part two. Komgold (Violante, first London performance). With Janice Calms, soprano, Jonathan Summers, baritone, Jans Aschenbach, tenor, Liene Keegan, mezzo, Bene Ferrari, soprano, Sharit Kete, tenor, Jeffrey Stewert, tenor, Chorus of Opera North
16.90 The Retth Lectures: The West Between the Worlds, by Professor Patricia J. Williams (f)
10.30 Debussy at Dusic, A final selection of congs and piano music performed by Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano, Dawn Upahaw, soprano and James Levine, pieno.
10.45 Trapped in the Present: John Theocharis visits Cairo, the pentre of the Arab publishing world, to talk to the novellist Naguith Marifouz, winner of the 1988 Nobel Prize for Elesteture (I)
11.30 Proms Composer of the Weels: Beethoven
12.30am Jazz Riotes. More from the concart given by Tim Gertand and his giventh at the Appleby Jazz Festival, introduced by Digby Fairweather
1.00 Choral Evensong, from the Guards' Chapat, Wellington Barracks. London 2.00 Swedish Redio Symphony Orchestra, under Oldo Karnu. With Arna Lanson, contraito, and Peter Methi, baritone. Mahler (Des Kneben Wunderhorn): Tohsikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)

6.30 Life, Death and Sex with Milks and Sue (FM). A comedy series by Bil Dare; with Robert Duncan and Jern Rivers as Placio 4's antidote to Anne and Nick, in tonight's programme they discuss work and travel.

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Lifestory. John Fordham looks beck at the career of the claimet player Benny Goodman with the help of friends and colleagues (6/6).

8.00 Fresh Air. The winners of the Radio 4 feature making competition for 11 to 15-year-olds. This week: Paul Anderton on the loss of a seaside mansion in Lytham Si Anne's (3/5).

8.20 Inside Track; Fingers in the Pie. The third of five programmes about modern file sllows us to exvesting on a calering company six it propares to arm an auction house into a 1940s French Rivers hotel in just two hours.

9.00 Does He Take Stigar? With Prederick Dove 9.30 Kaleldoscope (1) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtimas Capitain Corelli's Mandolfin, by Louis de Bemiers. Abridged by Alfson Joseph and read by Robert Powell (14/15).

11.00 The Mark of Zorro. The fourth of a five-part adventure by S.J. Astrond. With Mark Arden. Louise Lomberd and Glyn Houston 11.30 Ad Lib (FM). Robert Robinson talks to residents of a Uverpool housing estate (5/6) (1).

11.30 Today in Partiament (LW). A rouncing of the day's events in Westmanter. Sey Shuffle, by Paul Beatty, Read by Ray Shell (9/10) (1).

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Services. 5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maza. Michael Buerk chairs a discussion with David Cook, Janet Daley, Michael Marsfield, OC and Dr David Starkey.

10.00 News; Capital Gains (FM). See Choice 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only until 10.50).

10.50-1.00pm Test Match Special (LW). England v Australia. Coverage of the first day of the Fourth Test at Headingley.

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM). News from BBC reporters around the world.

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM), Sue MacGregor Invites Christopher Cook, Philippa Gregory; Adrian Mourby and Janet Sucman to test their knowledge of Britain's cutural heritage 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke.

1.40 The Archers (FM) (1) 1.55 Shioping Forecast 1.40-7.00 Test Match Special (LW). Continued coverage from Headingley.

2.00 News; Tauraday Afternoon Play; The Beauty of Bone (FM), by Briggel Lawless. With Staphana Cole and Frede Dowle and Denys Hawtorne (r).

FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-96.6. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 196: MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 883; 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 848; LW 196 (12.45-5.55em). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1063, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.



Feeling, faking and actors' methodology

The Method Man, the latest in BBC2's Reputations series, you couldn't help wondering if there weren't any other lessons we non-actors could learn from the man who created screen giants such as Marlon Brando and Paul Newman apart from the basic Aristotelean rule of never letting Marlon Brando sit on your lap, now that he has the manly build of a chest freezer. If you don't already know the gist of "The Method", let Ellen Burstyn, who studied at Strasberg's Actors' Studio in New York, explain: "What Lee's training was, was to learn how nor to lie. To really tell the truth. How not to act. That's what he taught. How not to pretend. To not act as though I feel bad, but to feel bad.

called him "occasionally very kind; too often a bit cruel" - but he did manage to attract (or produce?) some of the world's greatest movie stars: Robert De Niro, Jack Nicholson, James Dean, Steve Mo-Queen, Dustin Hoffman, Al Pacino, Anne Bancroft, Jane Fonda, Harvey Keitel, Eli Wallach, Sally Field, Kenneth Williams, Hattie Jacques, Okay, not Williams and Jacques, but they put into perspec-tive the startling acting calibre of the rest of this list. Between them, Strasberg's pu-

pils have been nominated for more than 100 Oscars. That's probably why Al Pacino says (now, every-body take five while we dig deep into our past so that we can summon up raw emotion of what it actually feels like to listen to what Al has to say... Ready? Okay, let's take it from the top . . .) That's probably why Pacino says: "I believe that acting as we know it today - in film, American acting

 is, and has been, influenced by Lee Strasberg. No doubt about it." But it's not as straightforward as it sounds. Strasberg felt: "Emotion couldn't be faked, it had to be felt." So what acting methodology would he have advised for the coffee-shop scene in When Harry Met Sally, when Meg Ryan fakes an orgasm to prove a point to Billy Crystal? Does she summon up her experence of real orgasm to per-form the scene with verisimilitude? Or must she dredge up the raw emotion of an occasion when she faked an orgasm to reproduce the effect authentically? And if the latter, would the scene look more

n 1955; Strasberg pulled off his greatest coup when Marilyn Monroe, then Hollywood's biggest star, joined his troupe. He became her constant companion;

realistic or less realistic than if she

had actually tried to relive a true

orgasm? No wonder Ryan howled.

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some say a Svengali-type figure who exploited her vulnerability. She even moved into the Strasberg family's apartment. Like many men of the time, Strasberg might well have wanted to experience the raw emotion of having Monroe live under the same roof as him (although not in the same bed) and might have realised that the smartest way of achieving this was to become a famous acting coach. In

that sense, there was method in his cast as a nerve transplant surgeon. madness. Clare Beavan's film was compel-

ling, beautifully put together, and she culled some big stars eager to pay tribute to their late mentor: it was a nice touch to shoot the interviews in Katz's Lower East Side deli in black and white, creating an effect that was two parts Broadway Danny Rose and one part Manhartan. But we all knew Strasberg was a monster: he was famous for it, so there was no sense of stripping away a walnut veneer to reveal the chipboard man underneath. Could be that Reputations is running out of subjects: may be their researchers will strike lucky and find that Himmler ached only to spend his life selling Mr Whippy ice cream to Jewish schoolkids in Berlin, or that Sylvester Stallone has spent his life making profitable movies but really wants to be an actor.

If Al Pacino ever finds himself

he'll have no option but to scrub up and spend time in the operating theatre with Susan Mackinnon at Washington University's School of Medicine. The subject of BBCl's QED. Dr MacKinnon is the first surgeon to have carried out a successful nerve transplant, reviv-

ing once-paralysed limbs by stitch-

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ing in nerves from a dead donor. adly. Brad Zapałowski, the 16-year-old whose 14-hour operation provides the core of the programme, is one of her operating table failures: he had severed his left arm in a boating accident. It was a film that made the spirits soar, but the stomach heave - unless you are the type that doesn't get squeamish at the sight of a bowl of spaghetti-style nerve fibres being scalpel-trimmed and sewn into an arm sliced open to receive them. Luckily for fainthearts, the programme went

watershed as post-supper-

Surely Oliver James could use a spell at Strasberg's Actors' Studio to bone up on what it is like to interview somebody on television. whether you are a psychiatrist or not Julian Clary was the latest victim of The Chair (BBC2). Once more. James shed as much illumination as a glow-worm in the Albert Hall. He was shocked to hear that Clary had slept with women. "If you actually sleep with a woman, is it the sort of actual body that you're just not turned on by? Is that how it works?" Crikey! He sounded like Eric Idle in Monty Python's "nudge-nudge" sketch

Clary just looked quietly pitying at James, wondering if maybe he were the first homosexual that James has ever run across. Lord knows, that Anthony Clare can be a big ham. But compared to him, Oliver James is a pork scratching.

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Okay, so many people thought the guy was some kind of nut -

and a heartless one, at that,

according to Ben Gazzara, who

10.30 Gloria's Time Off With Jim Davidson

10.45 News (1) Regional News and weather (9814188) 10.50 Criciat Fourth Test — England v Australia. Tony Lewis introduces ball by ball coverage of the first session at

Headingley. Continues on BBC2 (31051095) 12.35pm Neighbours Catherine begins to worlder if she will ever get rid of her L-

plates (7) (8621786) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (95540)

1.30 Regional News (T) (42208057)

1.40 Cricket: Fourth Test — England v Australia. All the action from the first afternoon at Headingley (80019279) 4.00 Popeye (7667250) 4.10 Dinobables (4083637) 4.35 Cartoon Critiers (8778076)

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5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (685569) 6.80 Sb: O'Clock News (1) (347)

8.30 Regional News (I) (927) 7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money How to transform a kitchen in 48 hours; a look at driving schools, almosts are put to the test. Plus: Variessa Feltz's essential shopping guide (1) (9618)

7.30 EastEnders (an puts an interesting proposition to Pat, while the long arm of the law forces Nigel into a corner. Grant has a remantic encounter which gives him a surprising sense of self-rea

8.00 Airport Diana; Princess of Wales, tries to alip unnoticed past Hestimow's ever-elert press corps (1) (8356)

8.30 Gotche Hall of Fame (1) (7873)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1) (9453) 9.30 One Foot in the Grave The Meickew household talks toul of an evil curse. Comedy, starring Richard Wilson and Ametic Crosble (f) (1) (42878) WALES: 9.30 Referenciem '97 (590273) 10.10 Smith and Jones (782278) 10.40 The Last Governor (2129705) 11.45 FiLM: The Pink Penther Strikes Again (250811) 1.25 News headines; weather (3733941)

10.00 Smith and Jones Last episode in this series of outlandish comedy from Mei Smith and Griff Phys Jones (T) (36724) 10.30 The Last Governor (4/5) Public arcdety In Hong Kong over how the 1997

handover may affect civil rights forces. Governor Chris Patten to call the 1995 elections in an attempt to pave the way for democracy (T) (1564908) 11.35 The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976)

Peter Sellers, as accident-prone inspector. Clouseau, tends off the unwanted attentions of a murder

1.15am Weather (3711729)

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7:30 Teletubbles (7782182) 7:55 Brum (6376540) 8:10 Raccoons (6726279) 8.35 Bright Sparks (1) (3110540) 9.05 Spiderman (5309724) 9.35 Glad Rags

10.00 The Moomins (7081417) 10.25 Oakie Doke (7428569) 10.40 Spider (6769417) 10.45 Teletubbies (555298) 11.15 The Record (8071366) 11.40 Moon Over Miami (r) (T) (9946502) 12.30pm For the Love of it (81422415)

12.35 Cricket: Fourth Test England v Australia

1.00 A to Z of Food (25835927) 1.10 Beechgrove Garden: the First Season (70357845) 1.40 Blockbusters 59205960) 2.05 The Natural World (r) (T) (5518415) 3.00 News (T) (1758618) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (T) (6606182) 3.56 News (T) (2197908) 4.00 Cricket: Fourth Test Coverage from

Headingley (89489075) 6.25 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Sisko is sent back to earth to be acting head of Starfleet security (665502)

7.10 Ren and Stimpy A foreign clown finds a riend in Stimpy (837298) How Buildings Learn Stewart Brand explores how

people use buildings (1) (453) 8.00 Wild Harvest with Nick Natrn Nick has a scuba-diving lesson and picks blackberries in preparation for an underwater scalop harvest; picking blackberries; organic beef farming, and meets up with a Highland cattle farmer who uses organic methods (T) (6908) WALES: 8.90 And Now, Over to Our Friends in Wales 6.30 Homeland at the

Royal Welsh Show 8.30 Tracks Spider hunting; well and wonderful stile climbing; and beach · turniture in Somerset (T) (5415)

Third Rock from the Sun Award-winning altoom about four aliens who assume human form and



This Life Milly thinks she's come up trumps and Miles is ighast to learn Anna's secret (T) (821569)

10.26 Talking Tale (719347) 10.30 Newsnight (7) (916521) 11.15 Cricket: Highlights (258279) 11.55 Weather (704298) 12.00

12.30am Learning Zone: Fuelling the Phillippines Tiger (16496) 1.00 Controlling Carnival Crowds? Crowd Fesentials (73090) 4.00 Greek Language and People (33632) 5.00 Business and

6.00em GMTV (3659940) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (1) (1) (1549279) 9.55 Judge Judy: See Monday (1) (4252908) 10.20 News (1) (8047705) 10.25 Regional News (1)

10.30 Cruel Doubt (1/2) Mini-senes based on a true story. A woman is accused of murder when her husband is killed in their bed

12.20pm Regional News (1) (8285163) 12.30 ITN News (T) (8640811) 12.55 Shortland Street (8625502)

1,25 Home and Away (1) (37337347) 1,50 Cat Crazy (59212250) 2.20 Contract for Murder (5522618)

3.20 News (T) (1765908) 3.25 Regional News (T) (1764279) 3.30 Potamus Park (r) (4064453) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (1355076) 3.50 Rupert (r) (6940347) 4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop (T) (4077076) 4.40 Reboot (8293908)

5.10 A Country Practice (1468811) 5.40 ITN News (T) (828347)

6.00 Home and Away Chice finds what she thinks is a new direction in life (r) (T) (802182)

6,25 HTV Weather (158908) 6,30 The West Tonight (845)

7.00 Emmerdale. Charile plucks up the courage to confront Greg (T) (4786) 7,30 3-D Should there be a national 3-10 Should white a registration system for nannies? Julia Somerville introduces a film highlighting

flaws in the current system (1) (279) 8.00 The Bill: Mr Friday Night Boyden and Page question a suspect in connection with the disappearance of a girl whose love of the good life has seemingly led her into very bad company (T) (3434)

8.30 Undercover Customs Trevor McDonald nerrates the remarkable, true story of how determined Customs officer Lesiey Allen smeshed a gold-smuggling operation worth millions (T) (2569)



Mark McManus as Taggart (9.00pm)

9.00 Taggart: Prayer for the Dead The hardnosed Glaswegian detective's enquiries reach a conclusion (r) (T) (8095) 10,00 News at Ten (T) and weather (21892) 10,30 Regional News (T) (307989) 10,40 The West This Week (743502) 11.30 Frieze Frame (T) (248057) 11.45 Hunter (r) (889298) 12.35am The LADS (I) (5769477)

1.10 Funny Business (2055038) 1.40 Planet Rock Profile (4036496) 2.10 Late and Loud (r) (8141767)

3.05 3-D (r) (T) (66227212) 3,35 The Good Sex Guide Late (5039564) 4,35 The Time, the Place (r) (22691019) 5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (1) (74583) 5,30 News (27090)

As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: Going in Style (94739328) 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8625502) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1468811)

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2.45 God's Gift (6034106) 3.40 Late and Loud (8974941)

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11.15 Crowded House: Farewell to the World Concert (769724) 12.15am Weekly World News (3284309)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 10.30am Cartoon Time (2948279) 10.40 David the Gnome (3332182) 11.05 Cartoon Time (8055328) 11.25 Bravestart (8064076)

11.50 Dinosaurs (3253366) 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1468811) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (415)

6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (845) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (321569) 10.45 Film; The Killing Mind (13182417)

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11.15 Waterlines (334892)

11.45 New York News (889298)

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (80705) 7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (85415521) 9.05 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (5394892) 9.35 The Secret World of Alex Mack (2210521) 10.05 Sister, Sister (3168601) 10.35 The Crystal Maze (7964502) 11.35 The Bigger Breakfast (7067415) 12.00 House to House Meithrin (25811347) 1.15 Wil Cwac Cwac (25809502) 1.30 Film: It's a Wonderful World (49335618) 3.05 Travelog Treks (5497705) 3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (873) 4.00 3.30 Here's One 1 Made Earner (3/3) 4.00 Bewitched (908) 4.30 Absolutely Animals (892) 5.00 5 Pump (4259863) 5.20 Gogs (7473328) 5.30 Countdown (144) 6.00 Newyddion (894298) 6.05 Heno (880960) 6.35 Jac yπ y Bocs (165298) 7.00 Pobol y Cwr (549521) 7.25 Sgrin Ti Synlad? (385778) 8.00 Y Sice Fawr (1076) 8.30 Newyddion (3811) 9.00 The Jewel in the Crown (6637) 10.00 Tour de France (29434) 10.30 Film: The Missouri Breaks (77772960) 12.50am Trial CHANNEL

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12.00 House to House Political magazine (T) (28705) **12.30pm** My So-Called Life (r) (4639521) **1.25** Making Money. A New Zealand cornedy short (25823182)

1.40 Stanley and Livingstone (1939, b/w) Biopic starring Spencer Tracy, Nancy Kelly and Cednic Hardwicke Directed by Henry King (T) (45425989)

3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Beel and tempura jumble; chicken and lomato roulade; brandy snap baskets (T) (873) 4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (908) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8762415) 4.55 Rickl Lake (r) (T) (2622298) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (144) 6.00 Tour De France Colmar to Montbellard:

6.30 Holtyoeks Teen soap. Kurt and Ruth experience difficulties in married life (T) 7.00 Chennel 4 News (T) Includes headlines

and weather at 7 30 (440540) 7.50 Deadline 2000 Sally Ann Flemons of Global Action Plan says we must start being responsible about water usage (T) (551304)

8.00 Time Team Archaeological adventure series. The team travel to Comwall to investigate a 2,000-years-old underground chamber With Mick Aston and Tony Robinson (1/6) (r) (T) (6873)



9.00 Hunting Bobby Ontway A paedophile's victims hound their convicted attacker on his release from pason (T) (6637)

10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? Improvised cornedy show (T) (222434) 10.35 Northern Exposure Alaska-set off-beat comedy Barbara becomes besotted with

with violinist Cal (T) (476328) 1.30 Weekly Planet Jon Snow chairs a discussion on child labour (22415) 1.00-3.35am Midnight Underground

Experimental films: Was She There women disappears in Blackmool movie horror (8384496) 1,46 Running Light Enforced labour and displaced persons (3285632) 1.55 Performing Family A family reanimates on Hi-8 (2108458) 2.05 Trying to Kiss the Moon An autobiography spanning 50 years (8123361) 3.05 Extract The namator reads a letter from a former lover perceive reality (98886816)

3.55 Citizen 2000 (r) (T) (2025670) 4.35 Geographical Eye (r) (22682361) 5.00 Tour De France (r) (72125) Backdate (r) (1) (25632)

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6.00am 5 News Early (9196960)

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between a Japanese woman and a

Canadian in the Second World War Directed by Anne Wheeler (1945076) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68569989) 5.30 100 Per Cent The game show without a

6.00 Move on Up Fast-moving game show (T)

6.30 Family Affairs Chris lells Duncan that he no longer trusts him (T) (7257434) 7.00 Exclusive! Enterlamment news, leaturing

stories on music, film, television and lashion plus all the latest gossip With Julia Bradbury (6516873) 7.30 Close Encounters: Man Made for Nature The creation of a new landscape

in a valley in Bristol (1) (7253618) 8.00 The Car Show Motoring magazine

presented by Mariella Frostrup and Tristram Payne (6525521) 8.30 5 News (T) (6511328)



Petty officer Jack Nicholson (9pm)

9.00 The Last Detail (1973) with Jack Nicholson, Randy Quald and Otis Young. Comedy-drama about two veteran sailors escorting a colleague to jail. Directed by Hal Ashby (60318724)

10.50 Not the Jack Docherty Show

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (5538317) 12.35am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine programme featuring football action from both the United States and

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Pivotal contest at Headingley may decide destiny of finely-balanced Ashes series

England await moment of truth

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE preparations could not have gone better. The reconfirmed team has spent three full days together, the pitch has been hand-picked and the Australians are being self-righteous, All that is left is the small matter of winning. For England, it is a case of now or

By the precedents of recent series, it is a minor triumph for England to stand level with Australia three games into the summer. It will mean next to nothing if they are behind by next Monday, for then there will probably be no way back, but if the fourth Cornhill Test can be won, the Ashes should follow.

After Edgbaston, and that long-ago euphoria. Headingley could always be identified as England's best chance of earning another win. There is something about the place, something that will be oddly missed if Yorkshire resist the efforts of the ground's owners to keep them there and uproot to Wakefield. By way of a start, conditions promise a positive result. By way of a warning, Australia need not be on the wrong end of it.

Clearly, they are piqued. Yesterday, Mark Taylor, the captain, expanded on his censure of the late change of pitch and gave his view that the new surface, agreed upon only last Friday, is "underprepared". He ventured no opinion on how it would behave, on the contrary suggesting that he did not have the first

being echoed by Alan Crompton, the tour manager, who yesterday sought a meeting with David Graveney, the chairman of the England selectors. It was Graveney who endorsed the change, but only after receiving a phone call last Wednesday, while on holiday in Spain, from Harry

Brind, the inspector of pitches, The anxiety of Brind - who fussed proprietorially over the new pitch throughout yesterday - is easy to understand and so, in a sense, is the dismay of the touring team. The Australians, however, must beware of portray-

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ing cant and sanctimony on the issue. Englishmen with long memories have a list of occasions on which Australian pitches seemed somewhat less than even-handed.

Wise old head that he is, Taylor will be fully aware that the change was made primarithrough fears over the influence of Shane Warne. Equally, having studied the neighbouring pitches on this most controversial of squares,

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he should concede that the England authorities were enti-tled to be alarmed over the look of the original.

It is a startling sight, too dry for comfort and remarkably bare at the ends. Warne ished it, but the match might not have lasted three days. Defeat in such circumstances would have constituted a spectacular own goal, one for which the England management would rightly have been

For many years past, England have been accused of inertia on such matters, of failing to exercise vigilance over their home pitches and of frequently handing the opposition their preferred conditions. To criticise the pro-active stance of the present management, then. would be extreme hypocrisy.

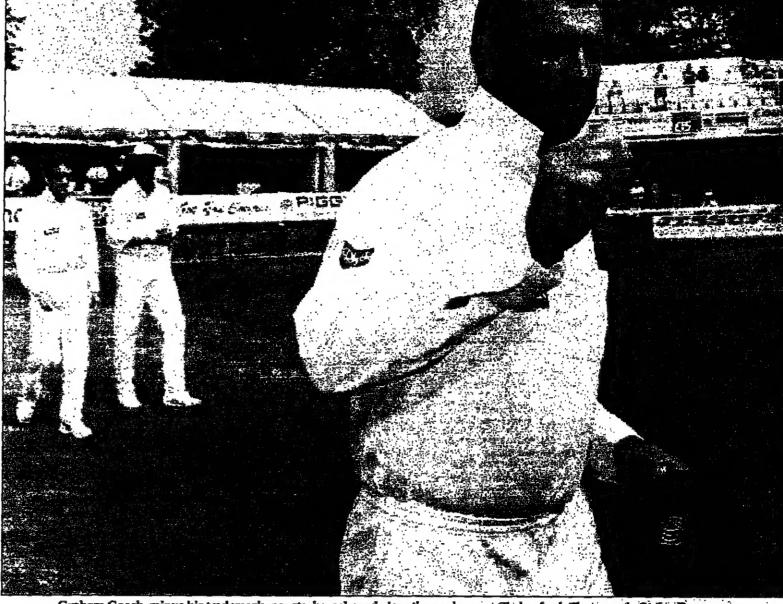
Disingenuous though it may sound, the claim that the switch was made to achieve a better surface gains credence once the pitches are inspected together. The new pitch is more evenly grassed and will be cut again this morning. England's intention is to show their faith in it by batting first.

This may change if the weather turns. There is talk of low cloud and possibly rain over Leeds this morning and the temptation to bowl first would then be severe. Michael Atherton, while dismissing the great pitch debate as "a lot of nonsense", did agree yesterday that overcast mornings at Headingley invari-ably mean the ball will swing and seam,

Covers remained on the pitch in bright sunshine yes-terday, retaining its degree of moisture. Taylor furrowed his brow and said it was a shade soft, that the soil looked different here and that if he

uncertain what to do. Australia have at least settled on their team, Ponting for Bevan at No 6 being the one change from Old Trafford. England's final place remains open. Atherton was willing to discount the option of an allseam attack - a mistake made both in 1993, when Australia were last here, and last summer — but there is a strong chance that Mike Smith will make his debut ahead of either Dean Headley

or Andy Caddick. Headley, whose fitness is a recurring worry, had a second long bowl yesterday and any overnight reaction would discount him. Otherwise, the choice comes down to keeping faith with a man in possession, with II wickets in the series to date, or including a swing bowler who ought to be



Graham Gooch, minus his trademark moustache, acknowledges the applause at Chelmsford, Photograph: Stefan Rousseau

suited to this ground better than any in the country.

II Smith, of Gloucestershire never plays another Test, he should be chosen this morning. Short in stature, mild in manner, studious in his steelrimmed spectacles, he is not the archetypal fast bowler but

Ponting's chance Edgbaston lit up . McCague's blast .

he bridles at suggestions that he is too short, too slow or simply too nice. "I've got enough pace to be taken seriously." he said. "I've hit a

few with my bouncer." His great asset, however, is the late swing that consistently dismisses top-order players. It is in his favour that both Australia openers are lefthanders, to whom he naturally swings the ball away, but the number of right-handers he dismisses either bowled or e-before is testimony to his accuracy. "Like all Yorkshiremen, I am tight," he said, "I hate giving runs away."

in force today, swelling the crowd to virtual capacity. Friday and Saturday are both sold out. The public, plainly, has not lost faith in England, even if the bookmakers, who price them as the 100-30 outsiders, appear to have

Smith's family, who live in

Batley, will be at Headingley

"We gave a poor perfor-mance at Old Trafford," Atherton said bluntly. contributed to our own downfall there. But one poor performance need not bring panic changes and the selectors sent a clear, strong message to that effect. Now it's up to us. Effectively, this is nown three-Test series and no side wants to lose the first of three."

Gooch's last stand must wait

FEW cricketers announce the match of their retirement. (Jack Bailey writes). Even fewer reach 44 before they call it a day. Graham Gooch did just that when he decided last weekend to bow out at the end of the game against Worces-tershire which began at Chelmsford yesterday - his

44th birthday. The crowd of nearly 4,000 eave Gooch a standing ovation at the start of play. Barebeaded — and cleanshaven — he waved in acknowledgment as he took the field at the head of the Essex team (he surrendered the captaincy to Paul Prichard three seasons ago).

There was a measure of disappointment for those who came to see Gooch in his 391st

ward, who was the subject of a

£4 million offer from New-

castle United on Tuesday.

Liverpool also are pursuing an

interest in Chris Sutton, the

Another forward will also

Blackburn Rovers forward.

Worcestershire were batting: Altogether, 8,699 of the 44,830 runs he had scored before this match had been gathered here, as had 29 of his 128. centuries, including his highest score for Essex, 275. One more hundred would put him alongside Len Hutton. Gooch has scored more Test runs, 8,900, than any other Englishman and played a leading

tories for Essex. At the end of the day, Gooch was far from his usual phieg-

part in six championship vic-

matic self. He fought hard. unsuccessfully, to stille the emotion in his voice as he said: My father, Alf. who passed away in December, wanted me to play one last season. I'm just a bit sad if he's watching from up there, that it has not been as good a season as it could have been

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"He was my biggest supporter. He came to all my games. I miss him a lot."

Essex frustrated, page 45.

World Cup bid gets £9m boost

BY JOHN GOODBODY

A RECORD 59 million is being raised to promote England football's attempt to stage the 2006 World Cup finals, the highest figure ever spent in trying to bring an international sports event to Britain. With England facing a

fierce battle with Germany. who are still upset that there will be a rival European candidate for 2006, the Government is providing support from the Foreign Office, while the Prime Minister is ready to meet foreign officials when they visit London.

The Football Association has already committed £3 million and is expected to be matched with 13 million from the FA Premier League and a further 13 million from lottery funding. Alec McGivan, director of the World Cup campaign, said yesterday: 1 am not anticipating any problems over funding."

The Government does not yet have direct control of lottery funding, although its lawyers are examining whether this may be possible. For the moment, the lottery money for bringing leading events to this country is controlled by the English Sports Council. but the Government wants lottery money spent on the bid to stage the cup here for the

The 19 million will exceed by more than \$4 million the figure spent by Manchester in is unsuccessful attempt to

mittee of Fifa. football's governing body, who will decide on the venue in June 2000.

ing support with leading companies, such as British Airways. "However, we will not let it get out of hand as the Japanese and South Koreans did." The Asian countries are co-hosting the 2002 Cup. McGivan said that the Gov-

ernment could play significant roles by giving leadership to the bid, providing hospitality and international networking. using its influence on lottery funds and giving support to the staging of the event. He said: The new Govern-

The Government is also looking at the staging of the 2008 Olympic Games in London it is examining whether the Greenwich site, carmarked for the millennium celebrations, might not also be used for some Olympic venues, in addition to the Wembley complex, with its planned

Liverpool talk to German forward

By DAVID MADDOCK

LIVERPOOL appear likely to plunge back into the transfer market within the next few days to secure the services of an experienced forward, after the capture this week of Paul Ince. Roy Evans, the manager is at an advanced stage of negotiations with Karl Heinz. Riedle, the Germany forward, whose two goals won the European Cup for Borussia Dortmund in May.

Evans is keen to secure a forward partner for Robbie Fowler and Riedle fits the bill. even though he will be 32 in September. He has just enioved possibly the best season of his career and has experienced an international renaissance. Riedle will cost Liverpool a fee of just El.5 million, but it is understood his salary will be more than £1

million a year for the length of a three-year contract. However, Riedle also has had talks with Sampdoria and AS Roma and may be persuaded to return to Italy, the country where he had a less-

than-happy experience with Lazio, Paul Gascoigne's former club. Evans hopes to move swiftly to head off any further Italian interest and the transfer could be completed by the weekend. If not, however, he is still pursuing two other possible

targets a little closer to home.

Earlier this week. Evans

inquired about Egil Osten-

stad, the Southampton for-

shortly be on the move. A board meeting at Newcastle on Tuesday evening agreed that Les Ferdinand, the club's England international, should be allowed to leave if an offer of £6 million were forthcoming. Everton have indicated their interest at that level, but Tottenham Hotspur are still favourites to sign the London-

born player.

One deal unlikely to go ahead is the move to Crystal Palace of Attilio Lombardo, the Juventus and Italy winger. He declined to fly to London for planned talks yesterday and Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, admitted that the transfer looked doubtful. "I don't think it is likely. I don't think we can afford the whole package." he said. Palace are likely to sign Paul Warhurst.

of Blackburn, today. Newcastle will use some of the money they receive for Ferdinand to pay for the transfer of Alessandro Pistone, the Internazionale left back. The 22-year-old will fly to the North East for talks tomorrow and Freddie Fletcher, the Newcastle chief executive, said: "We will discuss the terms on which the player wants to come here."

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2 Provide (6)

3 Venom (6)

5 Wanness (6)

6 Trail blazer (7)

14 Keep eye on (7)

17 Break (limit) (6)

20 Pick-me-up (5)

22 Check: stalk (4)

10 A serious matter (2.4)

12 Sam -. Pickwick's servant

16 Tasteless, sentimental art

18 Roman emperor's title (6)

4 Speck of dust (4)

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1 Impress; character (5)

(farming) (7)

8 Affect harmfully (7)

9 "This blessed plot, ...

this - (R. II) (7)

11 Ploughed row (6)

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21 Nervous shaking (7)

23 Betrayal of country (7)

25 Plainest Gk. order (5)

19 Surviving (6)

24 Brief [7]

7 Integrated; chemical-free

15 One of similar appearance

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